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## APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS.

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SECRETARY,  
REV. FRANKLIN D. AYER, *Concord.*

STATISTICAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER,  
REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, *Pittsfield.*

Annual meeting at Exeter, Tuesday after second Sabbath in September, 1874.

PREACHER OF OPENING SERMON to be appointed.

PREACHER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT, Rev. G. R. W. Scott,  
Primary : Rev. George B. Spaulding, Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill ;  
Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord ; Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, Rev. Swift Byington, Rev.  
George E. Street, Dea. Thomas Folsom, Exeter.

ESSAY : The special needs of the Christian church in view  
of the Skepticism and Worldliness of the present day.

*Essayist*, Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Amherst ; *Substitute*, Rev.  
George B. Spaulding, Dover.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. How shall a more thorough  
study of the Scriptures be secured in our Sabbath Schools?

*To lead the Discussion* : Rev. M. T. Runnels, Sanbornton ;  
Rev. George I. Bard, Meredith Village.

2. What is the duty of the members of the church in regard  
to the Academic education of their children?

*To lead the Discussion:* Rev. L. A. Austin, Meriden; Prof. Perkins, Exeter.

3. What is the proper work of Women in the cause of Christ?

*To lead the Discussion:* Dea. W. W. Russell, Plymouth; Rev. H. M. Stone, Rochester.

#### COUNTY CONFERENCES.

	Clerk. Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.	Annual Meeting.	Assessment, \$300.00.
Cheshire,	Rev. John L. Merrill.	2nd Wednesday June.	\$35.00
Coos,	Rev. H. V. Emmons,	2nd Tuesday June.	8.00
Grafton,	Rev. Q. Blakely,	2nd Tuesday June.	33.00
	Dea. Isaac Willard. C. & T.		
Hillsborough,	Rev. Geo. F. Merriam,	2nd Tuesday June.	80.00
	Rev. S. L. Gerould. C. & T.		
Merrimack,	Rev. H. B. Putnam,	4th Tuesday June.	44.00
Rockingham,	Rev. Edward Robie,	2nd Tuesday June.	50.00
Strafford,	Rev. M. T. Runnels,	4th Tuesday June.	35.00
Sullivan,	Rev. G. R. W. Scott,	4th Tuesday June.	15.00

#### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The membership is shown in Alphabetical List of Ministers.

Association.	Scribe.	Organized.	Meetings. <i>Tuesday.</i>
Belknap,	Q. Blakely,	April 20, 1841	Before last Sabbath in Jan. and Oct., and 2nd in May and August.
Derry and Manchester, }	S. L. Gerould,	Aug. 19, 1799	2nd in Jan. & <i>quarterly</i> at Manchester.
Harmony,	S. H. Riddel,	March 4, 1834	3d in Jan. & 2d in May, July & Oct.
Hollis,	D. E. Adams,	May 5, 1762	1st in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Hopkinton,	T. C. Pratt,	Aug. 23, 1788	After 1st Sabbath in Jan. & alternate months in Concord.
Lancaster,	H. V. Emmons,	Aug. 13, 1833	1st in Feb., May and Oct.
Monadnock,	E. Harmon,	Aug. 5, 1793	2nd in May, Aug., Oct. and Dec.
Orange,	W. S. Palmer,	Oct. 7, 1801	1st in Feb. May and Oct.
Piscataqua,	J. H. Stearns,	Oct. 24, 1787	3d in Jan. and quarterly.
Sullivan,	C. A. Downs,	May 23, 1829	2nd in Jan., May, July and Oct.
Suncook,	Wm. O. Carr,	1859	2nd in Jan. and quarterly.
Union,	Geo. Dustan,	1812	2nd in May, Aug. and Oct.
White River,	Wm. Sewall,	1845	2nd in Jan. and alternate months.

## CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare e-says and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. I. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical



power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of September, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, and Statistical Secretary, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the time and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. These Secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

5. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to



appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

6. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associate.

VII. COMMITTEES. I. At each meeting of the Association a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(a) To designate three questions of religious doctrine or practice, one of which shall relate to the interests of Sabbath Schools, for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate three persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each; to be followed by a general discussion, speakers limited to five minutes each.

(b) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprises, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDINGS. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals, and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegates from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the Moderator.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Discussion of question relating to Sabbath Schools.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No mem-

ber shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question now be put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of the other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. The Association will maintain a fraternal relation with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberation as honorary members.

2. The Secretary may also, in special cases, at his discretion, give credentials to any member of this body, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of similar bodies in other states.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.



XII. AMENDMENTS Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

## MINUTES.

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The General Association of New-Hampshire met for its Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, at Laconia, in the Congregational Church, September 16, 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Tucker of Manchester. Text, Phillipians, III, 10 ; That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings.

Subject : The Power of Christianity depends upon the way in which men know it.

After the sermon, the Association was called to order by the preacher.

The following persons were enrolled as members :

### DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

*Belknap*—Rev. J. B. Hadley, Rev. D. S. Hibbard, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Rev. Q. Blakely, Rev. C. L. Tappan.

*Derry and Manchester*—Rev. Charles Tenney, Rev. I. C. Tyson, Rev. J. S. Gay.

*Harmony*—Rev. Samuel H. Riddel.

*Hollis*—Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. D. E. Adams, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Rev. F. D. Sargent.

*Hopkinton*—Rev. Lyman White, Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., Rev. T. C. Pratt, Rev. H. Moody, Rev. H. A. Kendall.

*Monadnock*—Rev. C. C. Watson, Rev. Rufus Case, Rev. F. G. Clark.

*Orange*—Rev. N. F. Carter, Rev. A. L. Marden.

*Piscataqua*—Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. J. W. Lees, Rev. W. C. Jackson, Rev. Swift Byington, Rev. T. V. Haines, Rev.

Geo. E. Street, Rev. Jacob Chapman, Rev. J. H. Stearns.

*Sullivan*—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Levi Rodgers.

*Suncook*—Rev. N. S. Moore.

*Union*—Rev. Geo. Dustan.

*White River*—Rev. V. J. Hartshorn.

#### DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

*Cheshire*—S. D. Osborne, Keene.

*Grafton*—Orrin Bugbee, Lebanon; Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Plymouth; P. Spalding, M. D., Haverhill; Robert Ford, Danbury.

*Hillsborough*—Wm. D. Locke, New Ipswich; Dea. A. A. Farnsworth, Peterboro; Wm. Ramsdell, Milford; Charles Parker, East Wilton.

*Merrimack*—C. W. Moore.

*Rockingham*—Dea. H. Higby, Raymond; Dea. John Stavers, Portsmouth; Dea. Joseph Dow, Hampton; Dea. S. P. Judkins, Kingston.

*Strafford*—R. P. Sanborn, East Tilton; Joshua P. Ayers, Wolfboro'; Dea. E. W. Plummer, Milton; J. William Daniels, Alton; Luther E. Page, Gilmanton.

*Dartmouth College*—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D.

#### MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, Rev. F. Alvord, preachers.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Secretary.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Wm. F. Bacon, Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Delegate to M. E. Conference.

Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D., Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Dea. W. G. Brown, Rev. S. L. Gerould, Essayists, &c.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D., Secretaries of Benevolent Societies.

Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treasurer New Hampshire Missionary Society.



Rev. W. J. Tucker, of Manchester, was chosen Moderator ; Rev. Levi Rodgers, Claremont, Scribe ; Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., Rev. A. L. Marden and Rev. Rufus Case, were chosen a Committee of Inquiry.

Adjourned.

*Tuesday, 2 P. M.*

Hymn : I love Thy Kingdom, Lord.

Rev. H. A. Hazen read the Narrative of the State of Religion. Reminiscences were given of deceased members :

Of Rev. Dr. Barstow, by Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. ; of Rev. Levi Spalding, by Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D. ; of Rev. Forest Jefferds, by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported :

Rev. G. R. W. Scott from the Methodist Annual Conference of New-Hampshire. Rev. H. M. Stone from the Free Will Baptist Association, also from the Maine State Conference.

The Claims of the *Benevolent Societies* were presented :

Seamens' Friend Society, by Rev. S. W. Hawks.

American Tract Society, by Rev. F. B. Perkins.

American Bible Society, by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert

American Missionary Association, by Rev. C. L. Woodworth.

American Board Foreign Missions, by Rev. Wm. Warren, D. D.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Savage, adjourned to 7½ o'clock.

*Tuesday, 7½ P. M.*

Rev. Asa Bullard spoke in behalf of the Congregational Publishing Society.

An Essay was read by Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D.

Subject : Future, Everlasting Punishment of the Wicked ; its Position in the Christian System of Doctrine.

At its close sung, "There is a fountain filled with blood."

The subject of the Essay was discussed by Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. Geo. Pierce, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Samuel Lee, Rev. Lewis

Grant, Rev. E. Cleveland, Rev. G. H. Tilton, and Wm. Ramsdell, Esq.

Sung, Rock of Ages.

Adjourned to 8 A. M.

*Wednesday, 8 A. M.*

Business Meeting ; opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

*Voted :* That a committee of three be nominated by the Nominating Committee, to take into consideration some method of Ministerial Sustentation, such as has been adopted by the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and report at the next Session of this body.

*Voted :* That Article X. of the Constitution be amended by substituting for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sections, The following as Section 2nd: The Secretary may also in special cases at his discretion, give credentials to any member of this body, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of similar bodies in other States.

*Voted, also :* To omit from Article VIII. the following :

“The substance only of letters to be communicated unless of special interest.”

Rev. D. E. Adams was chosen member of Committee on Nominations.

*Voted :* That the General Association recommend the Treasurers of the several Counties to confer as to some uniform system of estimating the Charities of the Churches.

*Voted :* That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to revise the Schedule of Benevolent Societies, now in our Minutes, to correspond to the recommendations of the Council recently held at Oberlin ; or report upon the proper action of this body upon the objects of our benevolence.

The chair appointed Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. F. H. Clark, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Wm. D. Lock, Dea. W. G. Brown.

9 to 10 A. M. Devotional Meeting ; led by Rev. J. S. Black.

10 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Mack spoke in behalf of the Orphans' Home.

Rev. Mr. Chase addressed the Association as representa-

tive of the M. E. Churches of New-Hampshire. The Moderator responded.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, reported as delegate from this body to the Theological Seminary at Andover.

Discussion: What are the present prevailing forms of Skepticism, and by what means shall they be disproved?

Led by Rev. F. Alford and Rev. E. H. Greeley; followed by Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. C. Terry, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. George Pierce, Rev. Dr. Savage, and Rev. Dr. Smith.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Tenney.

Adjourned.

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*Wednesday, 2. P. M.*

Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Education Society.

3 o'clock. Resolutions relating to Kimball Union Academy were introduced by Rev. F. D. Ayer, as follows:

*Whereas*, Kimball Union Academy was, in its origin sixty years ago, a child of the churches, called into being through the labors and prayers of the fathers, for the special purpose of encouraging and assisting young men in preparing for the ministry, and this General Association was active and responsible in the measures which laid its foundations, And

*Whereas*, God has owned and blessed what the fathers did, in the good results which have followed, making this school, for many years, the most important contributor to Dartmouth College; assisting with thorough and Christian culture in training nearly 400 young men to go out and preach Christ in the world; and marking its course with repeated and powerful morals of religion, And,

*Whereas*, the necessity of increased endowments is now upon the Academy, in common with all similar institutions, if it is to maintain in the future the high rank, and continue the thorough instruction in which its great usefulness has consisted, and measures for this increase have been undertaken by the Trustees and Principal, Therefore,



*Resolved*, (1.) That, while we rejoice in all the good work done for learning and Christ, by any of the schools of the State, we cannot be insensible to the importance of properly strengthening and perpetuating this foundation as a preparatory School for our College; and for the special relation it has always held and continues to hold to the churches; Therefore,

*Resolved*, (2.) That we commend the appeal now made for increase of its endowment, and means of usefulness, to our churches and to the benevolent citizens of New-Hampshire; in the confident hope that they will devise such liberal things in its behalf, as shall make its future even more beneficent and fruitful than the part has ever been.

These resolutions were passed after remarks in their support by Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. S. A. Austin, Rev. F. Alvord, Rev. Dr. Smith.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund read his annual report which was accepted.

In this connection Rev. F. D. Ayer offered the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Association highly approve and recommend the plan of constituting Memorial Members of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, by the payment of ten dollars into the Treasury of said Fund for each member.

*Resolved*, That all the churches, connected with this Association, be requested to take up one collection every year in the month of January for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund; and at the same time invite friends to constitute themselves, or others, Memorial Members.

Remarks were made upon these resolutions by Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Dr. Tobey.

The Resolutions were then passed.

Hon. J. W. Noyes, and Rev. Hiram Putnam were chosen Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

A collection was then taken for the Fund amounting to seventy-two dollars.

Discussion: What means shall be employed to bring our Congregations generally into the Sabbath School?

Opened by Dea. W. G. Brown, and S. L. Gerould; followed by Rev. F. G. Clark, Rev. — Adams, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. G. B. Spalding, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Rev. J. W. Lees, Rev L. S. Parker.

Prayer by Dr. Clark.

Adjourned.

*Wednesday, 7 P. M.*

Business meeting.

The committee on revisal of Schedule of Benevolent causes reported this

*Resolution.* That the present Schedule be dismissed from the Minutes of the Association; and the following causes be recommended to the churches as worthy of their support, viz:—

The American Board for Foreign Missions.

New-Hampshire Missionary Society, auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society.

American Missionary Association.

American Congregational Union.

American Education Society.

Western College Society.

Congregational Publishing Society.

Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

New-Hampshire Bible Society.

New-Hampshire Orphans' Home.

The Home Poor.

American Tract Society.

American Seamen's Friend Society.

(The American Home Missionary Society was afterwards inserted in this list.)

It is recommended that the churches select from this list of causes according to their own judgment of their claims, and

that they contribute at such times as they shall find most convenient.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. H. M. Stone and Mr. Ramsdell, of Milford.

The Report was adopted.

The place of meeting fixed upon for next year is Exeter, 1st. Church.

*Committee of Arrangements*—Rev. Swift Byington, Rev. Geo. E. Street, Dea. Thomas Folsom.

*Preacher Before Communion*—Rev. G. R. W. Scott; *Substitute*—Rev. G. B. Spalding.

Delegates to other bodies:—

*To Methodist Annual Conference of New-Hampshire*—Rev. Geo. Dustan; *Substitute*—Rev. J. W. Tucker.

*To Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference*—Rev. A. B. Peabody; *Substitute*—Rev. T. C. White.

*To Andover Theological Seminary*—Rev. E. H. Greeley; *Substitute*—Rev. Edward Robie.

*To the Evangelical Alliance*—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., *Substitutes*—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. F. Alvord.

*A Committee on Sustentation* was chosen, consisting of Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Rev. Dr. Savage from Committee of Inquiry, reported the exercises for the meeting of the Association next year.

Adopted. (For Report see page 3.)

Rev. S. Ketchum, from Committee on the Establishing of a Congregational Newspaper, reported "That in the opinion of the Committee the interest manifested is not strong enough to warrant, and that the way does not yet appear to be open, for the establishment of such a paper as was contemplated by the Association." Accepted and adopted.

*Voted*: To continue the practice of printing the Narrative of the State of Religion for distribution at the annual meeting.

*Discussion*: How shall the church and congregation be in-



duced to consecrate their wealth to the service of the Lord?

Opened by Rev. Silas Ketchum; followed by Rev. I. C. Tyson, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. F. Alvord, Rev. W. F. Bacon, Rev. D. A. Mack, Rev. W. J. Tucker.

After singing adjourned to 8 A. M.

*Thursday, 8 A. M.*

Business meeting; opened with prayer.

Rev. H. A. Hazen read the Treasurer's report. Accepted.

*Voted:* To raise three hundred dollars upon total membership.

A committee of three, consisting of Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. C. E. Milliken and Rev. D. E. Adams, was chosen to appoint a time and place for holding a Sabbath School Convention of all denominations of Evangelical Christians, and to make all needful arrangements. The coming spring is recommended as the time for the first Convention.

*Voted:* To print fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes.

The Association recommends that the ladies of each of the churches of this State, as far as is practicable, form a Woman's Board of Missions, to co-operate with American Board.

9 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

10 A. M. A vote was unanimously passed tendering the thanks of the Association to the Pastor of the church in Laconia, for his "unwearied diligence during the meetings;" to the choir for their "aid in the service of praise;" and to the families of the church and town, for their "generous greeting and large-hearted hospitality," and for "the prompt and efficient manner in which the unexpected increase of attendance was provided for;" also to the railroads that have assisted delegates by reduction of fares.

*Voted:* That at the close of the Communion Service the Association adjourn to meet at Exeter, the Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1874.

The Sermon before the Communion was by Rev. F. Alvord;

text, John X. 25 ; The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. Subject: How can Christians in the most convincing manner meet the prevailing skepticism of our day?

Rev. Dr. Bouton and Rev. Edward Buxton officiated at the table.

Adjourned.

W. J. TUCKER, *Moderator*.

LEVI RODGERS, *Scribe*.

W. W. RUSSELL, *Assistant Scribe*.

## NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

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One name must be dropped from our register this year, *clarum et venerabile nomen*—which has held its place there longer than any that will remain. It is fourteen years since the death of Rev. Enos George, of Barnstead, removed the last predecessor of Dr. Barstow in the pastoral office in New-Hampshire; and his nearest successor is the venerable pastor of the church in Webster, Mr. Buxton, who was installed nineteen years later, in 1837. Dr. Humphrey Moore, who died at Milford two years ago, was earlier a pastor, but he had been for several years dismissed.

ZEDEKIAH SMITH BARSTOW was born in Canterbury, Conn., Oct. 4, 1790; graduated from Yale College in 1813; taught in New Haven and, as tutor, in Hamilton College, where he declined a Professorship, having such men as Pres. Wolsey, and others similarly eminent, among his pupils; and in the winter of 1818 came to Keene, finding there cordial welcome, and ordination to the pastorate July 1st. In this office he remained active for fifty years, and *emeritus* five years, having the assistance of three colleagues during the last thirteen years; his death closing a serene and happy old age, March 1st. He has left a name to be held in high honor by the town, the state, the country and the churches—he loved and served so well. A man of courtly presence and noble manners, he preserved and illustrated among us the traditions of the Old School, in other ways as well as ecclesiastical; for he continued to his death a member of the Londonderry Presbytery, and was often its Commissioner in the meetings of the General Assembly. Foregoing flattering prospects in an educational and literary career, he chose the pulpit and the duties of a New England pastor for his life-work.

As a preacher he was forcible and effective; his faith in the doctrines of grace was deep and abiding; and in the early controversy between Orthodoxy and Unitarianism in New-Hampshire, he was the acknowledged champion on the Evangelical side. Foremost and ardent in all moral, educational and religious enterprises, he was a tower of strength in every good cause. Of unblemished life, eminent in practical wisdom, and genial spirit, his influence in private life was even greater and happier, than that of his more public career. His scholarship and scholarly habits were always conspicuous. He was one of our, too few, Hebrew students, and Stephen's Thesaurus was one of his hand-books. It is a touching illustration, and characteristic both of his religious feeling, and his familiarity with and fondness for the New Testament Greek, that during one of the last days of his life, his son overheard him repeating in low and earnest tones Paul's triumphant conclusion of the fifteenth chapter of 1st Cor., "Oh Death, where is thy sting?" in the original. Dr. Barstow was three times Moderator of this General Association; at Plymouth in 1835, at Lyme in 1839, and, with special fitness, at the Semi-Centennial Meeting in 1859 at Boscaawen. He also presided over the Semi-Centennial Meeting of the Missionary Society at Acworth, and was for some years one of its Trustees. He was also its Preacher at Plymouth in 1835, and before the Association at Portsmouth in 1820, and of the Communion sermon in 1859; and, from 1840 to 1851, he was the Corresponding Secretary of this body. He served as Trustee of Kimball Union Academy from 1822 to 1843, and held the same office at Dartmouth College thirty-seven years, resigning in 1871. Only Eden Burroughs, Charles Marsh, and Nathan Lord have been so long associated in its councils, unless Daniel Blaisdell, its faithful Treasurer for thirty-eight years, is to be remembered. During all these years, Dr. Barstow never failed of attending the annual meeting of the Trustees, at Commencement, and giving courteous attention to the senior speakers. May the brother upon whom his mantle in Keene has, this year, fallen, carry with him and find there a similar felicity in the permanence and usefulness of his ministry.

The same year in which Dr. Barstow came to Keene, another



young man, having completed his studies at Hanover and Andover, went out from the neighboring church, in Jaffrey, to serve the churches in the foreign field; and it is not the least remarkable among the striking coincidences in which death has, this year, associated so many names, eminent in age and honor among the churches, that Levi Spaulding has so soon followed Dr. Barstow to the heavenly rest. He died in Ceylon, June 18, after a service without parallel for length in our missionary history—fifty-four years; and during all this time he re-visited America but once, in 1843. This circumstance, partly, explains the fact that his name has been less widely familiar among the churches, than those of many others whose labors and usefulness did not surpass, if they were equal to, his own. His mastery of the Tamil language was very perfect, and made his labors in the translation of the Scripture and in preaching of peculiar value, while his life-work, of fifty years, in the Odooville Seminary, has given him far-reaching and enduring influence. He was in many ways a remarkable man, original and of native force, as well as godly simplicity. He loved his Master, and his work for heathen souls, with singular ardor; and was wise in council, as untiring in action. We may well bless God to-day, that our churches and our college have been privileged to send out to the world such a man as Levi Spaulding.

Death has spared our own ministry the past year, but four who formerly labored in New-Hampshire have been called away.

REV. FORREST JEFFERDS, who died in South Boston, June 20, was five years pastor of the church in Epping, from October 5, 1826, to October 30, 1831. He was born in Wells, Maine, in 1794, and graduated at Bangor in 1825. Leaving Epping, he was fifteen years pastor in Middleton, Mass., where the church was greatly strengthened, and many added to it. After a short pastorate in Barrington R. I. he came to Boston in 1852, and spent eight years in City Mission service; and since 1860, as health and the infirmities of age permitted, he has done similar work. He was faithful in the service of Christ and wise to win souls.

REV. PHILANDER BATES, who died suddenly in Ludlow, Vt., April 9th, was born in Southampton, Mass., 1819; graduated

at Amherst and Andover, and spent most of his ministry in Vermont, Michigan, and New York. He was acting pastor of the church in Cornish from 1867 to 1870, where his labors were blessed in doubling the membership of the church. He endeared himself to those who knew him as a sincere, humble, earnest and good minister.

REV. JONAS DEFOREST RICHARDS son of Joel and Miriam Smith Richards, was born in Hartford, Vt., Dec. 28, 1809. He taught in Thetford Academy two years, before completing his course at Dartmouth College, and was afterward tutor in Marietta. He studied theology in Union and Andover Seminaries, graduating at the latter in 1840, and was ordained at Charlestown, May 28, 1841. Here he remained in a successful pastorate until Oct., 1851. In June, 1853, he was installed at Chester, Vt; remaining till 1858, when he removed to Weathersfield, Vt. and supplied the church in Weathersfield Center. In 1862 he went to College Hill, Ohio, to the charge of the Ohio Female Seminary, but the death of Major Jarvis, of a Vermont regiment in the war, recalled him to Vermont in 1865. He subsequently went to Wilcox County, Alabama, and while residing there was elected a State Senator, and to a professorship in Alabama University; but the ostracism of Northern men by Southern opinion, would not allow him to retain this place, and he died at Mobile, in Custom House service, Dec. 2, 1872, in the peace and hope of Christian faith. He was a man of warm heart, genial and cultivated, and of true piety, and fills a large place in the memory of those who best knew his worth.

There died also in Chicago, Aug. 30, a venerable minister, who for significant work, in significant times, deserves to be remembered in New-Hampshire. DAVID ROOT was born in Pomfret, Vt., June 15, 1791. Out of poverty and through severe toil, he fought his way to a liberal education, and graduated at Middlebury. Some years of Missionary labor followed in Georgia, where his knowledge of the Slave system ripened into an abhorrence which gave tone to all his career. He became pastor Sept. 4, 1819, of the 2nd. Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, and his ministry there of 13 years, added 344 members to its previously small number, and is remembered, still, as

very useful. From Cincinnati he came, in 1832, to Dover, where he was installed Feb. 6, 1833, and continued pastor till Sept. 4, 1839. His work in Dover was notable for his active sympathy with the Anti-slavery conflict, then raging. He delivered many lectures and addresses, and it is stated that his native gifts as an orator were remarkable and his courage equal to any emergency. Once he volunteered to conduct George Thompson through an angry crowd; and they reached safety only with torn clothes and faces covered with blood. After a ministry in Waterbury, Conn., made brief by his Reform sentiments, he was seven years pastor in Guilford, Conn., and then removed in 1851 to New Haven, where, and in Chicago since 1867, his life was spent. He outlived his two wives and seven children; one daughter, the wife of Hon. Horace White, editor in chief of the *Chicago Tribune*, preceding him but a few months to the grave. While he lived, the Yale Divinity School received \$20,000 from him, Beloit College \$10,000 and the American Missionary Association \$5,000 in 1866. He fought a good fight and lived to rejoice in the victory, for which he had endured so much.

Are our churches making any real progress or holding their own in the population of New-Hampshire? The death of Dr. Barstow gives timely significance to this question, in the review of his long ministry, and I have prepared a table, comparing the population and the membership of our churches for the last six census years. Figures are instructive, even if they can only tell a part of the truth. It is to be remembered that our system of reporting has only come to approximate completeness within the last twenty-five years, and some allowances may be due in the earlier years, but I think the results are substantially trustworthy.

Year.	Population.	Ch. Members.	Proportion.	
1820	244,022	12,626	1 to 19.3	Same to Resident Members
1830	269,328	14,857	1 to 18.1	
1840	284,574	22,082	1 to 12.9	
1850	317,976	17,605	1 to 18	
1860	326,073	20,200	1 to 16.1	
1870	318,300	19,185	1 to 16.6	

It will be seen that in the fifty years, our churches have gained relatively as well as absolutely, the ratio changing from 1 in 19.3 to 1 in 16.6. The progress has not been uniform. From 1830 to 1840, powerful revivals blessed the churches, and the members went up from 14,800 to 22,000, about the highest figures we have ever reached. In the next decade, the decline of 4,500 is surprising. The reports for three or four years, near 1850, are unusually defective; still the facts cannot be far from, if they are less extreme than the exhibit of the table. There is progress again from 1850 to 1860 to 20,000, and again in the last decade a loss of 1000. Remembering all the facts and influences of the emigration, which depopulates our farming towns, to build up prosperous communities and churches in the cities and the West, these results are less discouraging, than at first sight they may appear. But certainly there is much in them, to summon us to larger activity, and more earnest prayer, if the years to come are not to witness our increasing desolations.

Turning now to the more immediate review of the churches, we may begin with our Northern outpost:

*Coos Conference*—Here are ten churches. Two of these, in Bethlehem and Franconia, the reporter describes as absorbed, the former in the Methodist, the latter in the Free Will Baptist churches. In West Stewartstown, also, a Methodist preacher is appointed at the united request of all the Christian people. Colebrook has expended \$6,000 in remodeling and refitting its church edifice, which was rededicated June 17th. After two years without a minister, this church has just engaged Rev. L. W. Harris, from Lunenburg, Vermont, as acting pastor.

Littleton is one of the very few churches which report this year refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Week of Prayer was observed by union meetings in the three churches, which were continued for nineteen weeks, and marked throughout, by what the pastor regards as the feature of the revival—persistant effort. Mr. Fowler assisted the pastors three or four weeks. For once Littleton seemed to be in religious ferment. There was not a gathering in family or grog-shop



where the revival was not talked of, to approve or ridicule and curse.

During the second and third weeks, no special cases of interest were manifest, and most of the people seemed to have done their year's praying. But after this, the Spirit's power was more manifest. Three meetings a day, prayer meeting in the forenoon, preaching to Christians, or converts' and enquiry meeting in the afternoon, and preaching to the unconverted in the evening, were continued from the 9th to the 15th week. Two meetings were continued through the 18th, and one to the end of the 19th, when God's plain Providence seemed to say, "Go no farther." During this period, not less than 180 had asked for prayers, or taken the anxious seat, and I think it safe to say that at least 130 gave good evidence of conversion. There was at no time any general giving way or breaking down among the impenitent. The work went on only by constant effort, which the Spirit blessed. From the outset, we aimed at our business men, but are obliged to confess that their ranks were hardly broken. Many of the converts are quite young. The thorough denominational harmony should be gratefully mentioned.

*Grafton Conference* reports 22 churches; but three of these, in Dorchester, Bridgewater and Thornton, have no other existence than what inheres in a handful of aged and scattered members. How long several such names should be retained in our register, for annual reporting, the Association will do well to consider. The Secretary of *Strafford Conference* recommends that four such be dropped.

Bath is rallying from the severe loss of its uninsured church, —has \$6,000 raised for a new meeting-house, and the frame well advanced, and employs Rev. E. Cleveland as acting pastor. Canaan reports vitality in the church, though so long inactive. Repairs are about to be made on the meeting-house, to keep it ready for use, and a strong desire is expressed by some, not Christians, that Congregational preaching may be re-established. Enfield is courageous, and moving for a new meeting-house; \$2,500, almost secured, will begin the work. Groton has a student supply for four months, whose labors are very acceptable. In Hebron, a Methodist minister is supported,

with the assurance that they in turn will support Congregational preaching, next year. Hanover Center, after some discouragement and delay, is again supplied by Rev. D. B. McClenning. From the College and College Church the report is hopeful. President Smith writes: "There were a number of hopeful conversions last year, embracing some of the best minds in the College. Of the large and excellent class which graduated in June, at least one fifth, it is thought, will enter the ministry. The second Sabbath service has been changed from afternoon to evening, and the Sabbath School is now held in the afternoon. This has proved a great benefit to the school. A larger number of the students take part in it, and the attendance has increased. Worship in the College Chapel has been transferred from the morning to five o'clock P. M. with great gain in various respects. The time given to it is slightly increased and affords opportunity for a brief address by the President, and no religious exercise of the week, is attended, apparently, with greater interest. The new college year opens auspiciously, with a large accession of students, and the President and Faculty earnestly ask the prayers of the General Association and the churches, that the College may share largely the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit." Lebanon has declined to accept the offered resignation of its pastor for twenty-five years. Lyme has again lost its pastor, from failure of health and voice; and Mr. E. P. Butler, recently graduated from Hartford Seminary, is now acting pastor.

Piermont has made some repairs on its church. Plymouth has reluctantly dismissed its pastor to the call of the First Church in Keene, and, with commendable promptness, has filled his place by the ordination, as his successor, of Mr. George H. Scott, of Vergennes, Vt., and the last class at Andover, on the 3d inst. It has, at the same time, secured a good parsonage as a generous addition to the provision it has made for the support of its pastor. The establishment of the State Normal School at Plymouth makes the field and work of this church the more important, and it found in Mr. Pearl, the Principal, a member and co-worker greatly valued and beloved. His death is a serious loss to the church, as well as to the State.

*Strafford Conference* covers a large territory, and embraces the three counties of Belknap, Carroll and Strafford, into which the old Strafford County is divided. It reports thirty-two churches,—eight with pastors, fourteen acting pastors, and ten vacant.

Alton has been supplied mostly from Andover, and is still trying to secure a parsonage, "in hope of a settled ministry bye-and-bye." The pastor at Barnstead Parade reports "things as prosperous as a year ago," and concludes if they "hold their own with deaths and removals not a little is accomplished." The Sabbath School embraces nearly the whole congregation, and is regarded as the most interesting part of their work.

Centre Harbor reports increase of ten members, but how, with no admissions, does not appear. Mr. Tobey has left his charge here, and the church has employed Rev. Jotham Sewall. Conway dismissed its pastor in December, and has had preaching from Andover mostly since. Rev. S. G. Norcross is now engaged. Increased attendance and interest in the Sabbath School. The library has received 100 volumes, presented by a lady in town. Durham has again a pastor, H. L. Talbot, ordained Jan. 1, 1873. \$750 have been expended upon a meeting-house, and this fact, with the want of a pastor, is suggested as explaining deficit in charitable collections. The congregation is increasing, and the Sabbath School and prayer-meeting show more interest. The church in Effingham has lost, by death, Deacon Clark, and its clerk, Josiah Dearborn, and is reduced to eleven resident members. But they have repaired the meeting-house the past year, and some hope, as well as pray, for a better state of things there. Farmington has also received a pastor, having ordained Mr. Titus in April. His labors have been interrupted by illness this summer, but this church is gaining strength and hope in its work. Gilmanton Center has lost six members; Mr. Thomas Adams, for many years its worthy deacon, has recently died. The Sabbath School has gained. The pastor writes; "We need more than one thing, but above all the reviving and quickening influences of the Holy Spirit; apparently we are very much as a year ago,—fewer, but in as hopeful a condition." The contributions of this church have

increased considerably ; an unusual item in the reports this year. Gilmanton Iron Works reports no special religious interest, no additions, but several new faces in the congregation. Some, it is hoped, will soon unite with the church. The extreme inclemency of the winter, with bad roads, was found here, as elsewhere, a serious hinderance to public services. Worship was omitted on two Sabbaths, and the Sabbath School suspended from February to June.

In Laconia, the prosperity of the church, under the labors of Mr. Bacon, has been marked and gratifying. Some church discipline has been harmoniously conducted and with beneficial results ; increase of brotherly love among members of the church ; attendance at prayer-meetings larger ; praise-meetings very full, and interest in church and congregation both more encouraging. Sabbath School and contributions are larger than last year. Inquiry has been made for non-resident members, and twenty-five or thirty names have been, by vote of the church, dropped from the register, of those who are dead, or could not be heard of. The reporter inquires if a similar process in other churches would not contribute to the veracity of their statistics. The church in Lee has been active at home and abroad, in raising funds for a parsonage, now nearly finished. The pastor preaches every Sabbath afternoon in Madbury, the only religious service in that town, receiving \$200 increase of salary from this source. The Sabbath School has gained thirty members, and the chapel must be enlarged. The church in Meredith, after trying the unhappy experiment of running through a class or two of candidates from Andover, without success, has at length been permitted to welcome a pastor, Rev. G. I. Bard, who came to them from Dunbarton, and was installed Jan. 2nd. He writes : "Our women have been encouraged to break silence, and it has been of incalculable advantage. During the winter we held numerous meetings. Considerable religious feeling was awakened, and we have a few names to be reckoned among the quickened and renewed. Several are ready to unite with the church, and the Sabbath School shows new life." One dangerous and questionable ex-



pedient is reported: "Contributions laid aside for a while, hope soon to resume."

The youngest of our New-Hampshire churches, at Milton Mills, has been richly blessed during the year. Its acting pastor, D. B. Scott, writes: "Some discouragements, but no defeats, for the Lord is on our side. We gratefully acknowledge the good things of the past, and hope for still greater things in the future." Twenty-three have united with the church on profession, and fifteen have been baptized,—seven infants,—a cheering statement in the too wide-spread neglect of this ordinance. The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book has been introduced, and a friend has given a rich communion service. The church in Rochester has added seven and lost seven members, but it is believed there has been advancement in the divine life on the part of many, and that their influence in the town is salutary. Union temperance meetings of much interest and spirit have been held the last Sabbath evening of each month, and a Temperance League formed, embracing three or four hundred of the leading men and women of the village. The apparent result is a gratifying decrease in intemperance, profanity and kindred vices, and more of peace and good order. The people are determined to maintain the law for the suppression of the vice and crime of the rum traffic. Here is reported the Banner Sabbath School of the Conference, The uniform lessons have been used two years, and teachers' meetings are conducted by the pastor. The attendance has gained forty-six per cent. this year. Sanbornton is another of the churches in the hill country which have just held their own. The pastor writes: "As before in our experience the peaceful and triumphant death of one of our members, long a pillar in the society, was followed, in God's providence, by the immediate union of two of his children with the church. Thus does God have respect to the covenant, and in place of the fathers he raises up the children. A poor cripple girl in the parish, not credited, once, with average intelligence, is now under the teaching of the Spirit, developing a remarkable Christian character with unexpected mental power. The Sabbath School is taking a fresh start under the care of a leading citizen who united with

the church three years ago, and brings enthusiasm to his work. Salmon Falls has lost its acting pastor, and all the figures reported show the decrease which is too customary in such cases. In Great Falls, Rev. S. W. Webb has become acting pastor. A loss of seven members is reported, but the Sabbath School is still the largest in the Conference. Wakefield reports progress. A legacy of \$500 has been left to the church by Mr. E. Rollins; the parsonage has been repaired and painted and much improved, and contributions are larger. Sabbath School well sustained, and library increased during the winter. Wolfeborough has dismissed its pastor, T. A. Emerson, to become the colleague, and since the successor, of the venerable Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, and now looks prayerfully for another to fill his place. Congregations and social meetings have been well sustained, and at times with marked interest. The Sabbath School has hardly held its own; five children were baptized in May. Wolfeborough North is enjoying the labors of G. S. Bell, a theological student. He reports services well attended, and people attentive to the word; church members seem to have earnest Christian zeal, and to be growing in grace. Tamworth has been without a minister through the year, but reports efforts in progress to obtain one.

*Merrimack Conference*, at the heart of the Commonwealth, embraces twenty-five churches. Nine have pastors, nine acting pastors, and seven are vacant. Andover rejoices in the privilege of helping to build up other churches by dismissing four members to them, and while scattering abroad feels increased strength at home. The new Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book has been introduced, and a valuable organ obtained at a discount from its real worth. Canterbury has repaired its church at expense of \$425. It has received a legacy of \$200 from Dea. Whidden, who also left \$1,400 to the Missionary Society. The week of Prayer was observed, with interest. Mr. Gould, the acting pastor of Chichester for eight years, removed in November to Nelson, and the church was unsupplied till June, when Rev. Horace Pratt was engaged for three months. Dea. Marden has removed from the town and his loss is seriously felt. The adjoining church in Epsom has been unsupplied

through most of the year. Why should not these sister churches form a colleague arrangement, by which they could lay a broad foundation for a good and stable pastorate, assume a practical independence not otherwise attainable, and set a good example to various churches in the State for which some such plan affords the only hope that they can long maintain any regular ministerial service? .

In Concord the year has been marked by external prosperity, calling for gratitude. The converts of last year have made good progress in Christian growth. In June the First Church lost, by fire, its meeting-house, fragrant with many precious and hallowed associations, but a new and more adequate structure will soon replace it, and the building of it may, as often happens, bring enlargement and spiritual blessing with it. The Sabbath School has increased, and several members teach in the Prison School. The South Church reports thankfulness for thirty-eight additions, mostly on profession, but no special interest during the year. The general interest has been well sustained, as shown in the prayer-meetings and occasional conversions. A temperance pledge has been signed by a large number of the scholars and teachers in the Sabbath School, embracing some of the most influential men in the church and city. We fight rum in the Sabbath School by training a generation who will not touch, taste, nor handle it. Two Mission Sabbath Schools are sustained, and one lay brother, with the pastor's sanction, has commenced a preaching service two miles out. The Monthly Concert is among our best meetings. The Sabbath School shows unabated interest; uses the uniform lessons. Concord West reports some increase of congregation, more interest in Sabbath School, with \$250 expended on library, furnishing a catalogue and improved delivery system. Prayer-meetings well sustained, and a source of strength and enjoyment. A temperance society embraces many of the young people, and its labors have borne good fruit. Concord East reports a peculiar strengthening process in the going out from them of a number who have not been in harmony with them, in views of truth and modes of worship. They have established meetings by themselves, and more harmony and spiritual life are devel-

oped in the church. Congregation and Sabbath School have increased, and the pecuniary affairs of the society are more prosperous. Dunbarton has suffered the loss of its pastor, and for some months united with the Baptist church in a common service, but is again supplied by Mr. William E. Spear. Several conversions have occurred during the year. Fisherville has also granted its pastor release from further service, his health and strength not being equal to continued labors. His heart has been cheered, in resigning his charge, by welcoming twenty to the church, mostly on profession, and an earnest, hopeful spirit seems to animate his people. Franklin, declining to accept the resignations of Dr. Savage, has set about measures of progress and improvement, such as he felt were demanded, and encourage him to remain. A new chapel is to be built. "Songs for the Sanctuary" have been introduced, and the problem how best to raise and increase the charitable contributions, is receiving special attention. Indeed, this church seems to have learned something in this school already, for the amount contributed last year, \$2,415, is second only to the Franklin St. Church in Manchester, and gives an average to the resident members of \$20.64,—\$9.54 higher than any other church in the State. The Orphans' Home, in which our churches are so largely interested, prospers under the fortunate supervision of Judge Nesmith, and the diligent care of Mr. Mack, and promises to do a very Christian and much-needed work for New-Hampshire.

Henniker has also been called to part with its pastor, whose health compels him to retire from public speaking. Some religious interest was enjoyed in the winter, and there were about twenty conversions. Twelve have just been examined for admission to the church, and others will soon join them. Hopkinton still enjoys the services of Dr. Young. A new organ has been purchased, costing \$1,600. Congregations and Sabbath evening meetings have been better attended, and the Sabbath School gains interest in the use of the Pilgrim series of lessons. One member of the Sabbath School has become hopefully pious, and one not a member. A few Christians have become more active and decided.



Pembroke enjoys a good degree of outward prosperity ; some increase of interest during the winter, and extra meetings followed the Week of Prayer for some time. The Sabbath School has increased to more than two hundred. Well-attended meetings are held Sabbath afternoons in different school-houses. Our great need is the fuller manifestation of the Spirit.

Pittsfield dismissed its pastor in November, and has since been only in part and irregularly supplied. The neglect of the prayer-meetings and other Christian activities is disheartening to the few who love the ways of Zion. This is an important field to cultivate for Christ. Salisbury labors under many discouragements, and is peculiarly weakened by death and emigration. The church in Tilton has wisely commemorated its 50th anniversary, with an historical address from Dr. Hoyt, the only survivor of its original members. Former pastors, Conant and Curtice, contributed much to the interest of the occasion. The effect on the church and society was salutary, and gave new courage, in comparing the past with the present. The pastor was installed in October, the debt has been paid, and measures taken for the more prompt and regular payment of current expenses. Warner has dismissed its pastor to Galesburg, Ill., and Rev. M. A. Gates has become acting pastor. Webster has now the senior pastor of the State, and I quote appropriate words from his report : "The church is in a quiet, but rather unprogressive state. Our meetings are usually pretty well attended. But as I look over my field of labor my pastoral anxiety is awakened by an apparent lack of spiritual and effective piety in the church, and of religious interest among the people. In the church we need the apostle's exhortation : 'We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end ; that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.' We need growth in spiritual knowledge, proceeding from the first principles of the doctrine of Christ—onward to those higher doctrines which are the strong meat appropriate to those of full age in Christ, the whole being embraced with a living and working faith ; overcoming the world, and laying hold on eternal life."

*Sullivan Conference* embraces but thirteen churches; three have pastors; three acting pastors, and seven are unsupplied. Claremont has enjoyed some religious interest, and the same is true of Washington, which has repaired its meeting-house. All the meeting-houses in the county are described as in good repair, except in Croydon. Cornish has sent its minister to become pastor at Meriden—where he finds hearty welcome to an important field. Kimball Union Academy, in which our churches have so many reasons for interest, finds its new Principal, Rev. L. A. Austin, the right man in the right place; and was never better equipped for giving good and thorough culture to its pupils. These have increased somewhat, and their deportment has been excellent. A good state of religious feeling has marked the year. The effort for the enlarged endowment, which is indispensable to its future prosperity, has been unfortunately delayed, but will soon be resumed, and, it is believed, under better auspices. From Croydon a report is made which you will thank me for repeating. Mr. John Cooper writes: "I have made out another sad report of our church, but it is probably nearly the last which will be made; for I have nearly numbered my threescore years and ten, and I am below the average of our church in years. But little remains for us to do but prepare for the change that awaits us. Our young people leave town, and, if their places are filled, it is either by those who care nothing about religion, or else worship at another altar. God only can cause Congregationalism to flourish again in Croydon. Nor are these other denominations filling the place of the old church. Methodism is almost ready to expire." An over true and sad picture, and one which describes other towns in New-Hampshire as forcibly as Croydon.

*Cheshire Conference* numbers twenty-eight churches. Of these the reporter says, most are small in numbers and weak in pecuniary means. Some can scarcely be said to be strengthening the things that remain, but are slowly declining in numbers, and probably in spiritual power. A few maintain healthful growth. No general revival or unusual interest has been enjoyed in these churches, and yet in a larger number than usual there have been more or less cases of hopeful conversion. The favor

of God has been given in other ways, and nearly all report fair prosperity. Mr. Norton has been dismissed from Fitzwilliam, where Rev. John Colby is to supply till April; and Mr. Karr from Keene, succeeded by Rev. Cyrus Richardson, who goes under very favorable auspices to this important field. Rindge, after long waiting for a pastor, at last installs Rev. F. G. Clark, for some years city missionary in Manchester. The cause of Temperance is not receiving the attention and persistent work essential to its steady progress. It suffers from spasmodic efforts and reactions. Sabbath Schools increase in interest, and several reports speak of greater profit, in the use of the Uniform Lessons. Nine of these churches have pastors and nine acting pastors. Most of the latter receive but a very inadequate support, laboring hard, with no very cheering prospects of future growth and enlargement. The two churches in Westmoreland are said to be ready to unite in sustaining a pastor, if the right man can be found. Harrisville and Dublin set their neighbors a good example, and find their own comfort and profit in such a colleague arrangement.

*Hillsborough Conference* embraces thirty-three churches; twenty-nine Congregational and four Presbyterian, having nineteen pastors, eleven acting pastors, and three unsupplied. Amherst has also declined to accept the resignation of its pastor, and we are spared the loss of one of our oldest ministers from active service. Dr. Wallace, after a pastorate of thirty-four years in Manchester, has resigned, and been released from service. The reason for this step is the conviction that the position can be better filled by a younger man. Entire harmony continues between this honored pastor and his people, and he leaves the church strong and united. His farewell sermon was preached the last Sabbath in July. Nine hundred and twenty-four members had been received to the church during his ministry; 120 have died, and 570 remain. He had attended 1,150 funerals, and solemnized 1,164 marriages. The death of Mrs. Wallace, May 15, has taken from our father and brother a wife of rare attainments and worth, as the helpmeet of a minister, and he has a very wide and tender sympathy in his loss and loneliness,

Mr. Bessom has been dismissed from New Boston, and Mr. Seecombe has left Francestown, returning to the Northwest, in Dakota. Milford has received a pastor, Rev. George E. Pierce, and Mr. John Bragdon has become acting pastor at Hillsborough Bridge, and Rev. S. D. Clark at Temple.

In Amherst the Sabbath School has increased, and the use of the "Uniform Lessons" adds to the interest. Good evidence is given that the Temperance cause is not retrograding. Bedford has adopted the envelope system in its benevolent contributions, with good effect. Twice the amount formerly given was taken the first year, and last year it increased from \$506 to \$616.

Bennington reports good progress and prospects ; asks no Missionary aid. The Good Templars are gathering numbers, and a Temperance Association with eighty members meets monthly. Many have signed the pledge for the first time. Francestown has been blessed and souls converted. The whole town has been canvassed, and Mr. Potter assisted the pastor about a week. Sabbath School well attended, and concert very interesting. An organ has been purchased and placed in a recess behind the pulpit, and "Songs for the Sanctuary" introduced. Goffstown reports progress and encouragement ; congregation and Sabbath School increasing ; more spiritual life and some souls converted. Measures taken with good effect to restrain the rum traffic. Greenville is repairing church, and uses with profit the "Uniform Lessons." Open sale of intoxicating drinks effectually suppressed. Hancock reports unusual religious interest. Hillsborough Bridge makes progress under Mr. Bragdon's labors ; congregation increased from 115 to 150. Col. Henry D. Pierce has succeeded in closing every public bar. Hillsborough Center has enjoyed spiritual refreshing ; sinners converted and Christians strengthened. In Hollis the Temperance Society flourishes, with monthly meetings, and an Anti-Tobacco Society has 70 members.

From Manchester, the First Church reports Sabbath School large for the congregation, and flourishing. In the Franklin St. Church the Sabbath School is large and active, and one peculiar feature here is, that the pastor and superintendent

ent prepare and print their own lessons, in annual or semi-annual installments. The subject for this year is the Life of Christ. Fresh and original work of this kind in the Sabbath School or any service is sure to be fruitful. An entire class of nine young ladies has united with the church, and develope a very natural and helpful type of piety. This church has opened a reading-room for young women, throwing open the parlors of the church and putting an efficient lady in charge, to welcome and attract visitors. The result has been very satisfactory; thirty or forty have been brought into the Sabbath School. The effort will be enlarged next year. Expense, \$500.

Mont Vernon has closed the only liquor store in town, and rejoices in a new organ. But this church has been specially blessed in the pouring out of the Spirit upon it. Some interest and solicitude, respecting the depletion which years were working here, was felt during the winter, and prayer was made to God for help. In early spring two marked cases of conversion indicated the Spirit's presence—one of a man past three-score years, living remote and alone with the Bible and the Spirit; the other a man over fifty, and one of the last men in town who would have been expected ever to renounce the world for Christ. More attention to the Word encouraged the church to hold a series of meetings from April 27 to May 1; Mr. Potter, the evangelist, assisting. The interest has continued, and, as the result, so far (in June,) some forty have expressed hope in Christ, some professors have seemed to be reconverted, long-standing differences reconciled; and, though several youth are among the hopeful converts, the majority are men in middle life and heads of families; some of the most influential in town. If time shall prove it the work of the Holy Spirit, as we trust it is, the result will be almost an entire revolution in the town.

The churches in Nashua send favorable tidings: some additions; Sabbath Schools increasing and the "Uniform Lessons" used with profit. The Olive St. Church has procured a good organ; union meetings for Temperance are held.

New Ipswich has cleared off a debt of long standing and introduced "Songs for the Sanctuary." Efforts to suppress the sale



of liquors are meeting with success, and the town has been canvassed for signers of the pledge. With some discouragements, there is, also, much to hope for in this town. Peterborough reports a new chapel and outward prosperity. Wilton has enjoyed a good degree of religious interest. A Young People's Christian Union holds literary meetings every fortnight, for discussions and recitations; opened and closed with prayer. The pastor has not in thirteen years seen the rum traffic so effectually stopped. A debt of \$1,600 has been paid, and "Songs for the Sanctuary" adopted.

*Rockingham Conference* has also thirty-three churches, of which two are Presbyterian; fourteen have pastors, thirteen acting pastors, and six are vacant. Rev. Charles F. Morse, former missionary in Bulgaria, was installed at Atkinson in September, and Mr. Martyn, after a year's supply, has become pastor at Portsmouth. Rev. Charles Packard is installed at Windham, and Mr. Robert Haskins at Derry. Candia, after long waiting for the pastor of its choice, that he might finish his course at Andover, rejoices at last in his ordination over them. It has also gathered, as the fruits of the remarkable work of grace enjoyed last year (and perhaps still continuing), thirty-nine members. Rev. W. A. Patten has become acting pastor again at Deerfield, Mr. Aldrich at Rye, and Mr. Bowker at Salem, leaving his pastorate in Raymond. Mr. House has gone from Londonderry, after a fifteen years' ministry, to Barrington, R. I., and Rev. Lucius Alden is no longer reported as the minister at Newcastle. Hampton employs Rev. F. D. Chandler, lately of the Methodist Conference. The large and important churches in Londonderry and Raymond are reported vacant, but should not long remain so.

#### SUMMARY.

The churches number 194. The church in Chatham, Coos County, reports to the Maine Conference, and has not before been placed on our list, though its house of worship is in New-Hampshire, and it receives aid from our Missionary Society. The church in Shelburne is also reported in Maine, and, though quite feeble, has still as much claim to be counted as a dozen others which we enumerate.

Since the publication of the Minutes for 1872, thirteen pastors have been installed, (five with ordination,) and fifteen dismissed. Dr. Barstow has died. There was an error of one in last year's report, and one pastor, who has been absent from his charge in Bath two years, neglecting to ask for his desired dismissal, is dropped from the Register. This leaves nominally seventy-one pastors, of whom two have resigned, but are not yet dismissed; Mr. Jewett and Dr. Wallace.

Sixty-nine churches have sixty-eight acting pastors; fifty-four churches are not supplied, and fifty-nine ministers have no charge. Of these latter, two are Secretaries and one is City Missionary, eight are Instructors, (five in Dartmouth College,) five are in business out of New-Hampshire, one is State Historian, and of three I have no information. Thirty-nine remain; of whom twenty-six are, by reason of age or other disability, in no sense candidates for ministerial service, and thirteen are, more or less, ready for employment. Of the vacant churches twenty are not likely long to remain so, and twelve or fifteen are so far reduced as to maintain no worship or meetings of any kind, and have no prospect of so doing except as some great change shall pass upon them.

Our 194 churches are found in 166 of the 235 towns in the State, leaving sixty-nine towns in which we have no churches. Fifteen of these towns, with a population of 2,864, have no church of any kind. The Methodists have 123 churches in 111 towns; the Free Will Baptists, 121 churches in 96 towns; the Baptists, 85 churches in 79 towns; and the Episcopalians, 22 churches in 20 towns. This gives a total of 545 churches, commonly known as evangelical, in the State, or an average of two and one-third to each town. Twenty-four towns have none but Congregational or Presbyterian churches; nineteen have only Free Will Baptist; six have only Methodist, and three only Baptist.

## TABLE

SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, SITTINGS, AND PROPERTY OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE CHURCHES.

Denomination.	Number.	Members.	Sittings.	Property.
Congregational and Presbyterian, }	180	19,270	71,000	\$1,215,380
Methodist,	123	10,684	36,351	475,000
Baptist,	85	8,138	26,613	410,167
Free Will Baptist,	121	8,000	25,311	249,333
Episcopalian,	20	1,308	7,475	203,800
Friends,	10		3,585	15,500
Christians,	22		4,600	42,400
Second Advent,	20		4,405	25,200
Unitarian,	16		7,830	207,000
Universalist,	16		8,812	154,200
Roman Catholic,	15		8,945	267,500
Shakers,	2		300	1,800
New Jerusalem,	1		275	2,000
Spiritualist,	1			

In this Table I set down the number of our own churches at 180, as a more just comparison with others, in which a similar discount is made for churches which have no *visibility*; which a census-taker could not find. The third and fourth columns are taken substantially from the Census, with one correction. The Census gives the Baptists nearly twenty more churches than their own Minutes enumerate, while a similar but larger deficiency appears in the Free Will Baptist figures. A careful analysis shows that one sixth, at least, of the Baptist churches, as given in the Census, should be credited to the Free Will Baptist, and I make the same change in the figures of sittings and property. Of the Second Advents I give the number of the Census, as I have no means for an independent estimate, or verifying that of one of their oldest ministers, who says they "have at least fifty churches."

Our churches report 837 additions; 535 by profession to 85 churches, and 302 by letter to 84 churches. Eighty-three churches report no additions. The church receiving the largest number is Milford, 87; Candia welcomes 39; Concord, South,

38 ; Manchester, Franklin St. 37 ; Wilton, 32 ; Claremont, 26 ; Milton Mills, 23 ; Manchester, First, 21 ; Francestown and Fisherville, 20 each. The three churches in Nashua, and Nelson, Atkinson, and Littleton, follow in order of numbers received.

The removals, 818 ; by death, 420 ; dismissal, 302 : excommunication, 25. This implies a net gain of 19, but in fact, and including Chatham and Shelburne, we report *one* less than last year, or a discrepancy of 70 in the reports. This is a nearer approach to consistency than we have sometimes had. The baptisms were, adult, 332 ; infant, 158.

The charitable contributions amount to \$40,705, which is \$14,141 less than last year. This very large difference is to be explained, in part, by the fact that Chicago relief collections were, in many cases, with doubtful propriety, included in the reports of last year. The increase of \$10,000 last year, without any corresponding gain, in what our benevolent societies received, would indicate that they went in some such unusual channel. The falling off is largest in Hillsborough Conference, being \$7,608, or 33 per cent. Making the allowance suggested for the Chicago element in last year's figures, there still remains a decrease of \$4,000 this year, to be considered, and it is sufficiently serious to demand our prayerful self-questioning whether we are not withholding the tithes which God expects of us, and do not bring leanness upon ourselves in consequence. The largest sum reported from one church is \$3,120, from Franklin Street, Manchester. The church in Franklin is next, with \$2,415, and Amherst follows with \$2,224. Five churches give between one and two thousand ; Manchester First, Concord South, Keene 2nd, Concord 1st, and Nashua 1st. And eleven churches give between nine and five hundred, in this order : Portsmouth, Milford, Keene 1st, Newport, Hanover. Tilton, Bedford, Hollis, Dover, Pearl street, Nashua, and Henniker. But many of the smaller churches give as much in proportion as the larger, and much more liberally, when their ability is considered. Average the contributions among the resident members and a very different order appears. The three highest still head the list, though Manchester becomes third

and Franklin first, with an average of more than \$20 per member. Then come Stratham, Pelham, Gilsom, Tilton, Keene 2nd and Concord 1st. One-fourth of all the churches, embracing one-half of the members, give three-fourths of the reported contributions.

The results of the year are not all we could wish, but they should stimulate and not dishearten us. We have nearly held our own, at least in outward relations, when there should have been advance all along the line. It is too probable that our spiritual forces have been somewhat depleted. Few of the churches report special measures of refreshing, and in many the opposite condition, with too much "folding of the hands to sleep," has obtained.

The growing instability of the pastoral relation, and the number of churches and ministers who seem quite content with a looser bond, is one of the signs of the times, to be deprecated. The causes do not all lie on one side, but, whatever they are, we should seek in all proper ways to remove them, if the ministry is not to lose much of its power, and many of the richest fruits which it has garnered in the past. The inadequacy of the support which many of our ministers receive will demand consideration in the same connection, for these two evils stand in close relation, as cause and effect. The Presbyterian church is giving practical and earnest heed to this matter, and our Vermont friends are putting their hands to the work of improvement, by sustentation measures, the working of which we may profitably study.

Still another direction to which the same subject must guide our enquiries, lies in the feasibility or possibility of learning wisdom from our Methodist neighbors, in their circuit system, and setting our pastors over more than one church, wherever circumstances make it wise and practicable. Such arrangement has apparently saved the life of a few of our churches, and it needs not much familiarity with the churches to-day to recall a large number which must find their prosperity, if not their continued life, in such a combination. Greater economy of pastoral service, as well as of missionary funds for the Lord's work in the wider fields; the more satisfying and self-respectful



independence of the churches, so working together, and sustaining whatever service they need, instead of calling upon the Missionary Society for help ; the really better quality of the pastoral service they might in this way secure ; and the extent to which this plan is actually and successfully working in many places, all indicate the demands of this subject, to be earnestly and prayerfully considered.

With all discouragements and oppositions, our Master gives us much to cheer us in our work, and to assure us how blessed is the privilege of laboring with Him, in the homes and the field where His good providence has placed us. Let us renew our consecration to Him here, and go forth with renewed humility and courage to the labors of another year.

HENRY A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

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The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was held at the office of Dr. Bouton, in the State House, June 6, 1873. The Treasurer made his reports, which were adopted. The following persons were chosen as officers for the ensuing year :

Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., *President.*

Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

SHADRACH SEAVY, Esq., *Treasurer.*

ASA MCFARLAND, Esq.,        }  
L. D. STEVENS, Esq.,        } *Auditors.*

Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D.,        }

Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT,        } *Prudential Committee.*

SHADRACH SEAVY, Esq.,        }

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee, held immediately after the annual meeting of the Trustees, appropriations were made to three aged clergymen, and eight widows in indigent circumstances.

The following donations have been received from June 1st, 1872, to June 1st, 1873 ;

### WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Church, Gilsum,	\$4.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. Wood, Gilsum,	2.00
Congregational Church, Newport,	32.50
“ “ Goshen,	5.00
Ladies of Exeter,	25.00
Members of Piscataqua Association,	4.00
Congregational Church and Society, Harrisville,	2.50
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	\$75.00

## MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Legacy from John Smith,	\$150.00
Congregational Church, Gilmanton,	9.12
“ “ and Society, Henniker,	20.00
“ “ “ “ West Lebanon,	26.24
“ “ “ “ Raymond,	8.00
Rev. G. I. Bard,	1.00
Contribution at General Association,	154.57
Rev. Wm. Clark,	1.00
Congregational Church, Webster,	10.92
Mrs. Theodore French,	10.00
Congregational Church and Society, Loudon,	6.00
“ “ “ “ Winchester,	10.50
Mrs. N. J. Carter,	10.00
1st Congregational Church and Society, Concord,	45.00
South “ “ “ “ “	41.37
Congregational “ “ “ Hillsboro' Bridge,	6.52
Congregational Church and Society, Plymouth,	15.80
“ “ “ “ Hopkinton,	6.00
“ “ “ “ Stratham,	8.20
1st Congregational Church and Society, Dover,	63.18
Congregational “ “ “ Hollis,	19.50
“ “ “ “ Boscawen,	14.00
1st Congregational Church and Society, Nashua,	52.00
Miss Sarah Green,	5.00
Congregational Church and Society, Dartmouth College,	65.75
Franklin St. Church, Manchester,	100.00
Congregational Church, Sanbornton,	20.00
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	\$879.67

## MEMORIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Concord</i> —Mrs. Asa McFarland,	\$10.00
“ Mrs. B. P. Stone,	10.00
“ Mrs. N. Bouton,	10.00
<i>Fisherville</i> —Rev. W. R. Jewett,	10.00
“ Mrs. Hannah A. C. Jewett,	10.00
<i>Fall River, Mass.</i> —A Friend,	10.00
<i>Hanover</i> —Mrs. H. E. Parker,	10.00
“ Mrs. S. P. Leeds,	10.00
“ Anna P. Emerson,	10.00
<i>Westmoreland</i> —Mrs. Mary E. W. Cole,	10.00
<i>Zanesville, Ohio</i> —A daughter of New-Hampshire,	10.00
<i>Centre Harbor</i> —Mrs. Susan S. Moulton,	10.00
<i>Westmoreland</i> —Mrs. Betsey Shaw,	10.00

<i>Greenland</i> —A Widow's Offering,	20.00
<i>Haverhill, Mass.</i> —Mrs. Moses Kimball,	10.00
<i>Concord</i> —Mrs. Calvin Howe,	10.00
“ Rev. S. L. Blake,	10.00
“ Mrs. Isabel M. Blake,	10.00
“ Clara D. Berry,	10.00
“ Juliana P. Lang,	10.00
“ Mrs. Hazen Pickering,	10.00
<i>Boscawen</i> —Mrs. John Greenough,	10.00
<i>Pembroke</i> —Rev. Lyman White,	10.00
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	\$240.00

The members of the Association will notice that we derive some income from Memorial Members. This is a new feature in our work. It is well known that such a Memorial Fund is connected with our Cent Institution, which has met with great and unexpected success. It already counts its members by hundreds, and has secured a considerably large, permanent Fund, the income of which is devoted to Home Missions in our State. The success of the measure led some benevolent ladies, with whom the idea of that Fund originated to suggest that such a Fund be connected with our Association. One of them inserted last winter a communication on the matter in the *Congregationalist*. The responses have been very pleasant. Already we have received the names of twenty-five members. An aged widowed lady, the wife of a clergyman, who long labored in this State, now residing in Mass., writes thus: “Being confined to my chamber, by sickness, I incidentally saw your communication in the *Congregationalist* for a Memorial Fund for Minister's widows in New-Hampshire. My heart responded to the call, and I shall consider it a privilege to send you my Widow's mite for that object. I have felt strongly attached to the Ministers and families I used to meet, but most of them are now gone, although the remembrance is precious.”

A young lady, a daughter of a New-Hampshire Clergyman, now teaching in a Western State, thus writes: “Enclosed, I send a Post Office order for twenty dollars; ten of which is to constitute myself a Memorial member of the Cent Society. I

have just seen a *Congregationalist* containing an appeal from yourself in behalf of the Ministers' and Widows' Fund. I am interested in that also, knowing as I do, not a little, of the needs of the Ministers of small parishes, and the other ten dollars I wish to devote to that Fund."

We hope that we shall receive many such responses during the year to come.

It gives the Trustees much pleasure to report that the Fund has received from the widows' God and the Father of the fatherless, unusual favor the past year. The donations, which have been received, have been larger than in any previous year. Both churches and individuals are turning their attention to this precious charity, and bestowing upon it their benefactions. Our institution was founded from the noblest motives, and embraces the most important objects. The Trustees have peculiar opportunities to learn the unfortunate situation of ministers in indigent circumstances, and the widows of such. These persons are not obtrusive for they shrink from public notice, and suffer in secret, rather than disclose their wants. We regret that our means have been so limited, that we have done comparatively little to relieve them; but God is raising up friends who are increasing our funds and enabling us more effectually to answer the purposes of our Institution.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Fund.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary*.

FISHERVILLE, August, 1872.



## ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Tobey, Vice-President, took the chair. Rev. Mr. Willey, formerly missionary to the Cherokee Indians, offered prayer. On motion, a Committee of two was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary then read the annual Report of the Directors. President Smith, of Dartmouth College, made an address. The Report was accepted: also, the Report of the Committee, and its nominations were adopted, as follows:

Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, *President.*

Rev. A. TOBEY, *Vice-President.*

Rev. S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

*Directors.*

Rev. N. BOUTON.

Prof. E. D. SANBORN.

Rev. A. D. SMITH.

Rev. H. A. HAZEN.

Rev. W. T. SAVAGE.

Rev. L. A. AUSTIN.

On motion, adjourned.

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

The following general statement is furnished by the Secretary:—

During the past year, eighteen students in Dartmouth College have been aided by the American Education Society. This is a larger number than are assisted by it in any other College, with a single exception; and is about one-seventh of the number similarly helped in twenty-seven similar Institutions.

The contributions made to the Society's Treasury, in this State, were not quite three hundred and twenty-three dollars, or much less than was given the year before; and scarcely one-fifth of the amount paid out in the State, by the Society. It is believed, however, that this sum does not indicate all that was done for the general cause by the Congregationalists of New-Hampshire.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

*General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. A. HAZEN, Treasurer.*

	CR.
To Cash received of former Treasurer, balance reported last year.	\$88.17
From Grafton Conference, for 1871-2,	34.00
From Coos Conference, for 1871-2,	8.00
	<hr/> \$130.17
Borrowed of New-Hampshire Missionary Society,	180.00
From Hillsborough Conference,	112.00
From Cheshire Conference,	50.00
From Grafton Conference,	47.00
From Rockingham Conference.	71.00
From Merrimack Conference,	61.00
From Strafford Conference,	49.00
From Sullivan Conference.	24.00
	<hr/> \$724.17

	DR.
Paid postage, H. S. Huntington,	\$3.17
Postage, F. D. Ayer,	3.40
R. W. Musgrove, printing Minutes,	236.00
" " " Wrapping, postage &c., for distributing,	29.10
for stationery, express and postage,	6.00
for printing Narrative, express and postage,	6.00
Note due the Missionary Society,	180.00
Balance now in Treasury.	260.50
	<hr/> \$724.17

This may certify that I have examined the above account and believe the same to be correct.

L. D. STEVENS. *Auditor.*

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS MAY 31.

## 1. (TIESHIRE CONFERENCE).

Churches.		Ministers.		Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.		Admissions.				Renovals.		Bapt'ns.		Char. Coll.					
Place and Name.		Name		Installed.		Males Fem.		Total.		Prf. I. C. Tot.		Dis. Ex. Tot.		Ad. Inf. T. C.					
Alstead Center, (1st),	1777					10	25	35	12	1	7	8	0	3	1	0	60		
" " New (2d),	Nov. 20, 1788	George F. Chapin.	Apr. 1866	A. P.	1873	33	55	88	13	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	95		
" " (3d),	1842					4	12	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102		
Chesterfield, (1st),	1771					5	9	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12		
Dublin, Trin. Cong.	Nov. 21, 1827	A. Hollbrook,	May 9, 1866	A. P.	1871	36	104	130	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	180		
Fitzsum,	Oct. 27, 1771	John Colby,	1836	A. P.	1873	36	104	130	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	180		
Gilsum,	Oct. 27, 1772	Horace Wood,	1839	A. P.	1866	28	38	66	11	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	100		
Harrisville,	Sept. 22, 1840	A. Hollbrook,	May 9, 1866	A. P.	1871	13	36	49	17	3	8	11	1	3	5	3	135		
Hinsdale,	Reorg. 1821	C. C. Watson,	July 11, 1867	Dec. 13, 1871	1871	35	89	124	29	0	1	3	0	4	3	0	225		
Jaffrey, East.	May 13, 1780	Rufus Case,	May 4, 1842	Jan. 1867	1867	35	65	100	26	6	2	8	4	1	0	5	112		
Keene (1st),	Jan. 9, 1850	D. N. Goodrich,	June 9, 1865	A. P.	1872	13	32	45	5	0	1	6	0	0	7	1	90		
" (2d),	Oct. 18, 1758	Cyrus Richardson,	Sept. 30, 1869	July 10, 1873	1873	64	198	262	37	1	3	4	5	5	0	10	245		
Marlborough,	Oct. 15, 1867	Joseph A. Leach,	Feb. 1864	Sept. 1869	1869	95	181	276	26	5	4	9	9	5	0	14	352		
Nelson.	Nov. 31, 1778	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 1860	May 2, 1871	1871	50	109	159	24	2	9	11	5	3	0	7	190		
Rindge,	Nov. 1, 1781	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	A. P.	1872	53	90	128	15	8	0	8	3	8	0	11	180		
Roxbury,	Nov. 1, 1765	Frank G. Clark,	Sept. 2, 1869	June 3, 1873	1873	53	109	162	15	8	0	0	0	1	0	7	352		
Stoddard,	Aug. 17, 1816	L. F. Rand,	Lieut. A. P.	1873	1873	6	28	34	13	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	100		
Sullivan,	Sept. 4, 1787					6	28	34	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	30		
Surry,	Oct. 17, 1742	Samuel L. Drake,	A. P.	1873	1873	28	44	72	15	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	30		
Swanzy,	Nov. 4, 1741					25	41	66	5	3	2	5	7	1	0	8	110		
Troy,	Sept. 17, 1815	Levi Brigham,	Mar. 15, 1837	May 6, 1870	1870	95	39	64	9	4	0	4	4	2	0	3	173		
Waldpole,	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec. 1, 1869	June 2, 1870	1870	21	68	89	15	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	292		
Westmoreland,	Nov. 7, 1764					3	18	21	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	58		
Winchester,	Feb. 9, 1853					8	18	26	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	80		
	Nov. 21, 1736	Elijah Harmon,	Oct. 17, 1867	Oct. 1		56	119	175	33	1	4	5	2	4	0	6	1	2	139
						685	1539	2224	395	55	42	97	62	61	1	124	25	23	3195
																			\$4,486.59

Churches, 26; Pastors, 9; Acting Pastors, 8; Vacant, 8.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1831; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833; Edwin Jenkinson, Winchester, ordained 1831; Thomas E. Keene, ordained March 28, 1861; Chas. Willey, Swansea, ordained Sept. 1845.

J. L. FERRILL, *Statistical Secretary.*

## 2. COOS [AND ESSEX, VT.] CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's. June 1. 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.			Bapt'ns.		Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Lct Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem.	1802				5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Chatham.	Nov. 30, 1802	L. W. Harris.	1842	A. P.	19	28	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Colebrook.	Apr. 28, 1816				28	49	77	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00
Dalton.	1814				7	24	31	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
Franconia.	Mar. 18, 1862				4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Gorham.	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury.	Jan. 31, 1838	A. P.	6	33	39	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	100
Lancaster.	Mar. 1784	II. V. Emmons.	Nov. 1 60	Sept. 27, 1865	35	105	140	23	3	0	3	1	0	4	2	2	65
Littleton.	Mar. 3. 1803	C. E. Milliken.	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 29, 1860	48	125	173	27	12	2	14	3	0	3	7	0	165
Shelburne.					1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
West Stewartstown.	1846				4	23	27	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.40
					137	368	506	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	9	5	\$528.90

Churches, 10; Pastors, 2; Acting Pastors, 2; Vacant, 6.

These churches are connected with those of Essex County, Vt., in Conferences. Chatham, Gorham and Shelburne join with churches in Maine. Annual meeting is Second Tuesday in June, 1874, at West Stewartstown.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Secretary.*

## 3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches. Place and Name.	Organized.	Ministers.		Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ns.		Char. Coll.	
		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath.	1778	Ed. Cleaveland.	Sept. 11, 1837	A. P. 1873	25	65	90	44	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	100	\$7.00
Bridgewater.	Feb. 4, 1818				1	2	3	3	1	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bristol.	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum.	Sept. 17, 1867	A. P. 1866	50	73	123	23	2	4	6	2	0	2	0	4	2	175	256.56
Campton.	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blackely.	Feb. 16, 1859	June 20, 1864	31	60	91	17	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	140	282.15
Canaan.	1803				1	16	17	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Danbury.	Jan. 29, 1829				24	36	60	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	60	8.25
Dorchester.	May 20, 1828				4	9	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0.00
Enfield.	May, 1806	V. J. Hartshorne.	Jan. 18, 1865	A. P. 1866	9	32	41	6	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	4	0	60	20.00
Groton.	Nov. 9, 1803	D. F. Stewart.	Licentiate.	A. P. 1873	8	12	20	4	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	50	35.00
Hanover.	July 2, 1803	S. P. Lewis, D. D.,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	112	137	249	112	4	6	10	3	4	0	10	1	2	125	686.05
" Center.	May 16, 1810	D. B. McLennan,	1851	A. P. 1873	21	52	73	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0.00
Haverhill.	Oct. 13, 1790	F. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Nov. 24, 1869	53	118	171	42	1	1	2	6	2	0	8	1	1	80	253.87
Hebron.	June 12, 1779	Unite with Meth.			2	11	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
Lebanon.	Sept. 20, 1768	Chas. A. Downs.	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	61	133	194	10	5	0	3	3	2	0	5	4	0	160	100.00
" West.	Nov. 8, 1849	A. B. Rich, D. D.,	Feb. 8, 1846	May 17, 1871	52	103	155	18	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	277	306.14
Lyme.	May 22, 1771	E. P. Butler,	Licentiate.	A. P. 1873	106	172	273	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	180	407.71
Orfordville.	Aug. 17, 1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867	A. P. 1869	44	63	107	21	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	120	123.13
Orford, West.	Apr. 30, 1822	F. B. Knowlton.	Aug. 25, 1865	A. P. 1871	27	59	86	28	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	104	183.10
Pleasant.	Apr. 30, 1861	F. B. Knowlton.	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	33	65	104	42	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	80	60.00
Plymouth.	1803	A. L. Marden.	Sept. 3, 1873	Sept. 3, 1873	35	116	149	27	5	3	8	3	1	0	4	3	1	150	200.09
Thornton.	1764	George H. Scott.	Sept. 3, 1873	Sept. 3, 1873	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wearworth.	Apr. 11, 1780		July, 1860	A. P. 1871	19	43	53	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	110	36.00
	1830	D. S. Hibbard.			715	1381	2096	552	28	22	50	43	28	0	72	21	9	2096	\$2,966.96

Churches, 22; Pastors, 7; Acting Pastors, 9; Vacant, 6.  
 Ministers Without Charge. Liba Conant, Orford, ordained May 28, 1823; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, obtained July 1834; Herman Reed, Haverock, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Haverock, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Haverock, obtained May 3, 1837; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Haverock, obtained May 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 25, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Haverock, Licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836; J. C. Proctor, Haverock, Licentiate; F. H. Bartlett, Licentiate, Bristol, July, 1872.

QUINCY BLAKELY, Statistical Secretary.



# 4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.		Admissions.		Removals.		Baptism.		Char. Coll.						
Place and Name.	Organized	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Malest Fem.	Total.	Ab's	Per	Lec.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.					
Anherst.	Sept. 21, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	45	128	173	23	0	1	9	13	0	3	192	\$2243.90			
Aurum, Presb.	1758	W. R. Cochrane.	Mar. 18, 1869	May 22, 1869	63	121	185	18	5	6	11	5	0	4	1	200	114.00		
Bedford, "	1760	L. T. Tyson.	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1869	58	129	187	42	0	3	3	5	1	0	0	300	616.12		
Birmingham.	July 10, 1829	James Holmes.	June 22, 1842	A. P.	15	31	46	9	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	92	131.67		
Brookline.	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent.	Oct. 20, 1869	Oct. 20, 1869	25	48	73	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	140	84.87		
Dering.	Dec. 24, 1739	Morris Holman.	Jan. 15, 1845	A. P.	8	29	37	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	65	43.85		
Dunstable.	Mar. 8, 1773				67	132	193	14	19	1	20	8	17	25	12	3	323	361.35	
Frankstown.	May 28, 1867	S. H. Partridge.	May 10, 1853	A. P.	44	87	131	22	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	1	136	53.00	
Greenfield.	May 3, 1847	G. F. Merriam.	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	22	61	83	27	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	2	100	187.25
Greenfield.	Dec. 20, 1801	S. L. Gerould.	Mar. 12, 1828	May 13, 1850	34	120	154	14	7	5	12	9	0	10	6	3	260	223.23	
Goffstown.	Aug. 28, 1783	Asahel Bigelow.	Apr. 5, 1873	A. P.	42	85	128	24	3	4	7	6	1	0	7	1	225	208.20	
Hancock.	Oct. 25, 1829	John Bragdon.	June 1, 1841	A. P.	24	59	83	13	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	120	41.02	
Hillsborough.	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams.	Mar. 15, 1836	May 25, 1870	73	151	224	25	0	4	4	6	8	0	0	2	65	29.50	
Hollis.	Sept. 9, 1841	James Laird.	Mar. 15, 1836	May 25, 1870	12	24	36	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	200	0.00
Hudson.	July 3, 1844	W. D. Hart.	Aug. 9, 1853	A. P.	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	25.00
Litchfield, Presb.	Dec. 5, 1757	George Smith.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	38	49	87	22	1	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	90	57.69	
Lyncliborough.	May 22, 1828	C. W. Wallace, D. D.	Jan. 24, 1857	Jan. 24, 1857	147	382	529	100	9	12	21	9	7	0	16	3	465	1685.22	
Manchester, First.	June 27, 1844	W. J. Tucker.	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	88	249	337	56	19	18	37	5	5	0	10	5	627	3120.00	
" Franklin St.	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin.	Sept. 2, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	28	48	76	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	90	86.70	
Mason.	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard.	Oct. 2, 1868	Oct. 2, 1868	50	106	156	33	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	1	161	310.20	
Merrimack, First.	Oct. 21, 1829	S. W. Herbert.	Oct. 2, 1868	Oct. 2, 1868	1	10	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15.00	
" South.	Nov. 19, 1788	Geo. Pierce, Jr.	Oct. 2, 1868	Oct. 2, 1868	98	218	316	15	78	9	87	8	1	0	9	66	0	354	903.17
Milford.	Nov. 17, 1780	S. H. Keeler, D. D.	Oct. 2, 1868	Oct. 2, 1868	52	127	179	40	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	1	175	165.06	
Mont Vernon.	Dec. 31, 1834	J. S. Black.	Mar. 31, 1870	Mar. 31, 1870	84	269	353	25	12	3	15	4	0	8	7	3	350	1250.00	
Nashua, First.	Sept. 3, 1846	Chas. Wetherby.	June 1, 1859	Dec. 7, 1871	83	203	286	79	11	4	15	6	2	0	8	0	300	405.00	
" Olive St.	Dec. 31, 1834	J. S. Black.	Mar. 31, 1870	Mar. 31, 1870	56	146	202	36	12	7	19	3	2	0	5	14	245	547.73	
" Pearl St.	Sept. 3, 1846	Chas. Wetherby.	June 1, 1859	Dec. 7, 1871	46	108	154	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	200	140.75
New Boston, Presb.	Oct. 21, 1760	T. S. Robie.	Oct. 25, 1859	A. P.	50	107	157	30	0	0	0	0	4	2	8	0	1	120	227.31
New Ipswich.	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry.	Oct. 6, 1861	Oct. 6, 1861	23	49	72	12	4	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	1	155	468.41
Pelham.	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dugan.	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	51	123	174	12	0	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	270	208.12
Peterborough.	Oct. 2, 1771	S. D. Clark.	June 11, 1840	A. P.	40	80	120	30	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	0	150	67.87	
Temple.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams.	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	53	122	175	15	19	13	32	3	0	0	3	13	0	218	122.70
Wilton.					1538	3644	5182	853	212	106	318	113	87	9	209	138	52	6468	\$14733.72

29 Congregational, 4 Presbyterian Churches; 19 Pastors; 11 Acting Pastors; 3 Vacant.  
 Ministers Without Charge. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 13, 1819; William Clark, D. D., Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828, Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained July 4, 1830; W. H. Bessom, New Boston; Amos Abbott, Nashua; Daniel Perry, Hollis.

## 5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.		Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.		Admissions.		Removals.		Baptism		Char. Coll.							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Lect.	Tot.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Char. Coll.		
Andover.	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody.	Nov. 22, 1843	A. P. 1869	10	17	27	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	50	\$47.20	
Boscawen.	Oct. 8, 1740				43	74	117	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	114.50	
Bradford.	Nov. 24, 1803				8	12	20	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.05	
Canterbury.	1760	James Doldt.	Dec. 26, 1843	A. P. 1870	33	48	81	28	2	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	80	25.00	
Chichester.	1731				79	182	261	19	2	5	7	0	0	0	3	1	0	75	
Concord, First.	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer.	May 13, 1861	Sept. 10, 1867	30	99	129	22	2	2	4	3	2	0	2	0	246	1278.81	
" West.	Apr. 23, 1833	H. B. Putnam.	Oct. 28, 1868		50	99	149	22	2	2	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	180	
" South.	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake.	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	115	206	381	30	27	11	38	4	5	0	9	18	3	249.10	
" East.	Mar. 30, 1842	A. Burnham.	Sept. 30, 1857	A. P. 1872	24	58	82	26	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	90	1491.66	
Dunbarton.	June 18, 1789	Wm. E. Spear.	Pastor Elect		31	66	97	21	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	102.64	
Epsom.	1761				16	24	40	10									162.40		
Fisherville.	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett.	Jan. 8, 1857	Sept. 16, 1863	38	84	122	18	2	20	3	7	0	9	0	9	300.00		
Franklin.	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage.	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	51	105	156	39	0	0	1	5	1	7	0	0	2415.42		
Hill.	June 7, 1769				39	111	150	30	2	1	3	3	0	0	2	2	200	520.33	
Hooksett.	Feb. 19, 1815				6	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
Hopkinton.	1828				12	33	45	15									255.35		
London.	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 24, 1829	A. P. 1867	47	114	161	40	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	120	39.00	
Pembroke.	Nov. 1789	B. N. Stone.	June 6, 1871	June 6, 1871	15	45	60	16	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	49	
Pittsfield.	Mar. 1, 1737	L. White.	Oct. 23, 1849	A. P. 1871	36	82	118	25	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	200	268.54	
Salisbury.	Nov. 17, 1789				40	77	117	39	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	125	150.34	
Tilton and Warner.	Nov. 17, 1773	J. B. Cook.	Dec. 18, 1850	Jan. 1869	28	46	74	19	0	0	0	2	4	0	5	0	52	32.63	
Webster.	1822	T. C. Pratt.	June 21, 1859	Oct. 29, 1872	39	116	155	50	2	3	5	1	3	0	5	2	1	145	628.15
Winnet.	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton.	Apr. 10, 1856	Dec. 13, 1857	26	75	101	10	3	5	8	6	2	0	8	1	0	235	170.40
Winnet.	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy.	Feb. 1830	A. P. 1868	10	31	50	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	125	132.73
																	51.29		
					872	1902	2744	543	62	34	96	48	51	2	40	10	3051	\$8,490.67	

Churches, 25; Pastors, 9; Acting Pastors, 8; Vacant, 8.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bourne, D. D., Concord, ordained Mar. 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of N. H.; C. Currier, Boscawen, ordained Oct. 2, 1843; A. W. Fisk, Fisherville, ordained May 22, 1833; Moses Grinnell, Concord, ordained May 22, 1828; Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Daniel Sawyer, Hopkinton, ordained May 13, 1846; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Witley, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary of N. H. Bible Society.

H. B. PUTNAM, Statistical Secretary.

## 6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Place and Name.	Organized.	Ministers.		Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.			Admissions.			Removals.		Bapt'isms.		Char. Coll.					
			Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab's.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.		Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	5
Atkinson.		Nov. 25, 1772	Chas. F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856	Sept. 17, 1872	30	63	93	22	7	7	14	2	1	0	3	5	0	107	\$89.02
Auburn.		Jan. 1, 1843	Joshua S. Gay.	Jan. 29, 1848	A. P. 1871	20	38	58	9	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	19.36
Brentwood.		Jan. 7, 1756	Wm. C. Jackson.	Oct. 13, 1835	A. P. 1870	11	45	56	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	10.00
Candia.		Oct. 16, 1873	Geo. E. Lovejoy.	July 16, 1873	July 16, 1873	79	138	217	30	36	1	39	5	3	0	7	27	0	178	138.87
Chester.		Oct. 20, 1731	Chas. Tenney.	Feb. 7, 1844	Aug. 2, 1871	42	118	160	16	4	1	5	5	2	0	8	1	0	181	239.64
Deerfield.		Jan. 1766	W. A. Patten.	1851	A. P. 1873	35	83	118	00	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	88.50
Derry, 1st.		1719				50	140	190	30	3	2	5	4	3	0	7	0	0	150	208.41
" 1st Cong.		Aug. 3, 1737	R. W. Haskins,	Nov. 19, 1872	Nov. 19, 1872	22	86	108	22	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	150.20
Epping.		Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P. 1857	15	41	56	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	104	165.59
Exeter 1st.		1638	Re. Edward Swift	1852	June, 2, 1871	33	98	134	44	2	0	5	7	3	0	5	3	1	120	265.00
" 2nd.			1813	Geo. E. Street.	Apr. 6, 1844	Mar. 30, 1871	19	63	82	20	2	5	7	3	0	3	1	0	60	228.21
Greenland.		July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	8	45	53	9	4	0	4	0	1	0	3	1	0	173	205.00
Hampstead.		June 3, 1752	E. W. Bullard.	Aug. 8, 1838	Dec. 14, 1870	19	66	85	12	0	4	4	2	2	0	5	2	0	105	188.77
Hampton.		June 3, 1752	F. D. Chandler.	A. P. 1873		64	132	196	25	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	2	0	75	10.00
Kensington.		Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge.	Apr. 3, 1838	June 30, 1864	10	36	46	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	157.76
Kingston.		Sept. 5, 1725	Jacob Chapman.	June, 1845	June 5, 1872	9	35	44	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	353.72
Londonderry, Presb.,		1735				47	122	169	21	0	0	0	1	5	0	10	0	2	136	14.00
Newcastle.		1671				9	33	42	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	29.00
Newington.		Oct. 15, 1715	Franklin Davis.	Oct. 6, 1847	A. P. 1864	5	14	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	208.70
Newmarket.		May 27, 1828	Isaac C. White.	Oct. 23, 1850	A. P. 1865	25	47	72	22	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	190	195.51
North-Hampton.		Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines.	Feb. 1, 1861	Apr. 27, 1870	54	102	156	27	5	0	5	4	1	0	5	3	2	100	74.80
Northwood.		Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell.	Nov. 3, 1842	A. P. 1865	31	62	93	24	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	2	100	74.80
Northingham.		May 12, 1840				2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Plaistow.		Nov. 4, 1730	Calvin Terry.	Dec. 1846	A. P. 1869	23	55	78	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	160	300.00
Portsmouth.		July 11, 1671	Charles Martyn.	June 25, 1869	Nov. 12, 1872	100	280	380	85	2	4	6	7	20	0	27	1	3	275	950.00
Raymond.		Nov. 3, 1736	J. K. Aldrich.	1863	A. P. 1873	57	85	142	10	3	0	3	4	2	8	14	2	0	105	91.00
Rye.		Jan. 17, 1739	Samuel Bowker.	Dec. 8, 1844	A. P. 1873	11	41	52	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	120	0.00
Salem.		July 12, 1837				13	50	63	12	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	65	31.00
Seabrook & H. Falls.		July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand.	Licentiate.	A. P. 1867	10	17	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	0.00
South Seabrook.		Oct. 7, 1847	A. P. Bartlett.	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P. 1869	2	9	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	45.07
South Newmarket.		1746	A. B. Peabody.	May 24, 1860	Nov. 25, 1869	16	31	47	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	120	330.30
Stratham.		1742	Charles Packard.	May 6, 1846	Apr. 26, 1873	42	95	137	33	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	207	191.11
Windham, Presb.,						939	2293	3232	547	78	37	115	66	58	8	132	48	20	3822	\$5143.54

Churches, 33; Pastors 14; Acting Pastors, 13; Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Israel I. Otis, Exeter, ordained June 1, 1855; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Ebenezer S. Jordan, Exeter, ordained Dec. 17, 1857.

EDWARD ROBIE, Statistical Secretary.

## 7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Place and Name.	Ministers.		Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.		Admissions.		Removals.		Bapt'isms.		Char. Coll.								
		Organized.	Name	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Pr.	Let.		Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Char. Coll.
Alton.	Nov. 7, 1827	Andover Students		A. P.	1869	5	21	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	\$18.00
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	Ezra Haskell,		A. P.		13	29	42	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	13.00
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	W. O. Carr.		A. P.		7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	Centre Harbor.	Feb. 13, 1861	A. P.	1867	15	21	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centre Harbor,	May 9, 1837	Centre Harbor.	Feb. 13, 1861	A. P.	1873	20	36	56	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	25.00
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	F. Novcross,		A. P.	1873	24	54	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	No report.
Dover, 1st,	1638—9	W. B. Spaulding,	Oct. 8, 1861	Sept. 1, 1869		77	219	296	50	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	110	12.00
Durham,	Sept. 3, 1856	H. W. Savage,	Dec. 3, 1863	A. P.	1871	17	56	73	21	6	2	8	1	4	0	5	6	0	4	206
Edingham,	Mar. 26, 1718	H. L. Talbot,	1870	Jan. 1, 1873		20	55	75	14	0	3	3	1	4	0	8	0	0	80	20.00
Farmington,	May 17, 1836					3	16	19	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0.00
Gilmanton Centre,	Sept. 15, 1819	E. H. Titus,	Feb. 15, 1866	Apr. 29, 1873		20	38	58	5	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	5	9	160	130.00
Gilmanton L. Works,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	Oct. 25, 1871		30	66	96	23	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	1	83	73.15
Gilmanton, East,	Oct. 12, 1830	Nath'l S. Moore,	Nov. 11, 1868	A. P.	1870	22	65	87	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	10.00
Great Falls,	Nov. 30, 1774					7	6	13	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Laconia,	June 16, 1827	S. W. Webb,	May, 1870	A. P.	1872	41	125	166	36	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	255	331.02
Lee,	June 28, 1824	Wm. F. Bacon,	Dec. 3, 1867	A. P.	1872	39	106	145	19	0	9	9	5	24	5	34	0	0	125	261.12
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	G. I. Bard,	Nov. 6, 1870	Nov. 6, 1870		6	37	43	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	161	1.00
Milton.	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 17, 1860	Jan. 2, 1873		13	37	50	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	129	30.00
Milton Mills,	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 17, 1860	Jan. 2, 1873		28	52	80	0	5	2	7	2	0	0	3	0	0	129	75.00
Moultonborough,	Sept. 26, 1871	D. B. Scott,	July 12, 1872	A. P.	1872	14	27	41	2	23	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	7	80	59.38
Ossipee Centre,	Mar. 12, 1777					8	17	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rochester,	Sept. 26, 1806	Edward C. Hood,	Student A. P.			20	44	64	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Harvey M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	May 18, 1871		41	101	142	10	3	4	7	2	5	0	7	1	0	30	20.00
Sandwich,	Nov. 13, 1771	Moses T. Rannels,	Aug. 13, 1836	June 11, 1868		36	81	117	15	5	2	7	5	2	0	1	0	0	155	394.24
North,	June 17, 1832	C. L. Tappan,	Jan. 28, 1864	A. P.	1871	7	21	28	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	No report.
Tanworth,	Sept. 12, 1792					12	14	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	No report.
Tuftenborough,	May 1, 1839					27	62	89	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	72.30
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1783	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	A. P.	1872	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wolfeborough,	June 17, 1834					6	24	30	7	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	35	80.98
North,	June 18, 1835	G. S. Bell,	A. P.			30	55	85	20	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	4	5	125	79.70
						7	18	25	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	47	6	6.80
						635	1579	2214	428	55	39	94	58	69	5	132	37	2758	\$2,665.37	

Churches, 32; Pastors, 8; Acting Pastors, 14; Vacant, 10.  
 Ministers Without Charge. Abner Benson, Centre Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; F. P. Smith, North Wolfeborough, ordained Sept. 12, 1838; Jeremiah Blake, Jr., D., Gilmanton Iron Works, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Giles Leach, Meredith Village, ordained Feb. 6, 1835.  
 MOSES T. RUNNELS, Statistical Secretary.

## 8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Place and Name.	Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873: A missions.				Removals.			Bapt'ns.		Char. Coll.					
		Name.	Ordained	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.		Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Ch. Coll.
Acworth.	Charlestown,	H. H. Sanderson.	Apr. 20, 1848	A. P. 1864	55	80	135	51	1	2	3	2	4	0	6	1	1	122	\$194.82
	Charlestown,	Levi Rodgers,	Oct. 19, 1871	Oct. 19, 1871	4	23	27	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	6	50	30.00
	Cornish,				67	179	245	58	18	8	26	5	3	0	8	8	1	253	473.54
	Croydon,				17	31	48	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	60	36.90
	Goshen,				6	8	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Langdon.	Langdon,				7	16	23	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	19.25
	Leipster, 1st church,	J. LeBos (ret,	Sept. 21, 1836	A. P. 1871	24	31	55	17	3	0	3	1	7	0	8	2	0	50	0.00
	2nd "				7	14	21	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Meriden.	Meriden,	Chas. M. Palmer,	Dec. 8, 1868	Mar. 27, 1873	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	Newport,	G. R. W. Scott,	Sept. 17, 1868	Sept. 17, 1868	50	68	118	50	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	150	105.25
	Plainfield,				92	153	245	21	3	5	8	8	1	0	9	1	1	265	720.00
	Washington.	H. H. Calburn.	May 19, 1869	A. P. 1871	5	24	29	8	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
					3	16	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	44.00
					340	652	992	227	29	20	49	25	18	0	43	14	12	1035	\$1,689.22

Churches, 13; Pastors, 3; Acting Pastors, 3; Vacant, 7.

MINISTERS WITHIN CHARGE. Jacob Seales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; E. W. Clark, Westborough, Mass., ordained Jan. 1, 1850; N. R. Nichols, Aneworth, ordained Feb. 1, 1872. Licensate, Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., licensed May 8, 1850. The church in Goshen has been supplied by John Bragdon, missionary. The church in Cornish has been supplied part of the year by Rev. Charles M. Palmer. The churches in Croydon, Langdon, Leipster 2nd and Plainfield have not been supplied. G. R. W. SCOTT, *Statistical Secretary*.

## SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873.				Admissions.		Removals.			Bapt'ns.		Char. Coll.			
	Total.	Vac.	Pastors.	A. P.	W. C.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.		Ad.	Inf.	$\frac{\text{Ad}}{\text{Dis}}$
1. Cheshire,	26	8	9	8	5	685	1539	2224	395	55	42	97	62	61	1	124	25	23	3195	\$4486.59
2. Coos,	10	6	7		0	157	399	556	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	9	5	740	528.90
3. Crafton,	22	6	7		12	715	1381	2096	552	28	22	50	42	28	0	70	21	9	2046	12966.96
4. Hillsborough,	33	3	19	11		1538	3644	5182	853	212	106	318	113	87	9	209	138	52	6468	14733.72
5. Merrimack,	25	8	9	8	12	872	1902	2774	541	62	34	96	48	51	2	101	40	10	3051	8490.67
6. Rockingham,	33	6	14	13	6	939	2293	3232	547	78	37	115	66	58	8	132	48	20	3822	5143.54
7. Stafford,	32	10	8	14	7	635	1579	2214	428	59	35	94	58	69	5	132	37	27	2758	2665.37
8. Sullivan,	13	7	3	3	7	340	652	992	227	29	20	49	25	18	0	43	14	12	1035	1689.22
Total.	194	54	71	68	58	5881	13389	19270	3543	535	302	837	420	373	25	818	332	158	23165	\$40704.97
Total of Pres. Ch's,	6	2	3	1	0	258	588	846	176	5	9	14	17	11	0	28	4	5	1133	\$1440.70
Total of Cong. Ch's,	188	52	68	67	58	5623	12801	18424	3367	530	293	823	403	362	25	790	328	153	30519	\$39264.27



## MINISTERIAL RECORD.

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### ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1872. Nov. 19, Robert W. Haskins, 1st Cong'l. Ch., Derry.  
 1873. Jan. 1, Henry L. Talbot, Durham.  
       April 29, Eugene H. Titus, Farmington.  
       July 16, George E. Lovejoy, Candia.  
       Sept. 3, George H. Scott, Plymouth.

### INSTALLED.

1872. Oct. 29, George E. Pierce, Milford.  
       Oct. 29, Theodore C. Pratt, Tilton.  
       Nov. 12, Wm. Carlos Martyn, Portsmouth.  
 1873. Jan. 2, George I. Bard, Meredith.  
       March 27, Charles M. Palmer, Meriden.  
       April 29, Charles Packard, Windham.  
       June 3, Frank G. Clark, Rindge.  
       July 10, Cyrus Richardson, Keene.

### ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

- April 9, John E. Bragdon, Goshen.  
 June 3, E. Winthrop Tenney, } at Hopkinton, to the work  
 June 3, George H. Tilton,    } of Foreign Missions.

### DISMISSED.

1872. (?) George I. Bard, Dunbarton.  
       Nov. 12, George M. Adams, Portsmouth.  
       Nov. 30, Henry A. Hazen, Pittsfield.  
       Dec. 27, William S. Karr, Keene, 1st church.  
 1873. Jan. (?) William House, Londonderry.  
       March 27, E. E. P. Abbott, Meriden.  
       March 31, John F. Norton, Fitzwilliam.  
       (?) Wm. H. Bessom, New Boston.  
       April 22, Samuel Bowker, Raymond.  
       May 1, Cyrus Richardson, Plymouth.  
       May 14, Thomas A. Emerson, Wolfeborough.  
       (?) E. P. Eastman, Conway.  
       August 18, Stephen S. Morrill, Henniker.  
       Sept. 10, David Bremner, Derry, 1st church.  
       Sept. 24, N. R. Nichols, Aeworth.

### DECEASED.

- March 1, Zedekiah Smith Barstow, Keene.

## REMARKS.

The Summaries which have been given under this head, will be found incorporated in the Narrative this year. The table of Associations is omitted, but their membership is given in the Alphabetical List.

Much care has been taken to have the "List of Ministers" accurate, for the date of October 1st. Some late changes in it may possibly not be found in all the previous comparisons, or partial summaries. The names of ministers without charge are not as carefully reported by the County Secretaries, in some cases, as they should be; and I would ask that this item receive more attention in the future. Any change needful, in the "List of Ministers," whether additions or removals, should be indicated in his own county by each Secretary. The column giving the organization of the churches, is not filled out with care. In too many cases, the year only is given, without the month and day. If these were once fully reported, the question might afterwards be omitted from the blanks, and the column be reproduced, if desirable, from year to year. Will every clerk see that the full date is given next year, whenever it can be discovered? In a few cases it is hopelessly lost; and in some, perhaps, a double date should be given, indicating an important reorganization, and still preserving an older, which is too important to be left in obscurity.

Our system of reporting still lacks somewhat of completeness. The General Association now charges one Secretary with the full responsibility, and he has a right to ask that each County shall do the same, and not embarrass him and increase his labors, by the necessity of corresponding with more than one in each county. In some of the counties, different persons are still charged with the Statistics, and the Narrative Report. In the two largest Conferences, the result this year was that the latter did not reach me until the Narrative had gone to the printer; and one of them has not yet been heard from. It is very desirable that pastors and others receiving copies of the Minutes, should give them, by loaning, as wide a circulation as may be.

H. A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

# ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

## ABBREVIATIONS.

P.—Pastor.  
A. P.—Acting Pastor.  
W. C.—Without Charge.  
L.—Licentiate.  
Pr.—Professor.  
C.—Cheshire.  
Co.—Coos.  
G.—Grafton.  
H.—Hillsborough.

M.—Merrimack.  
R.—Rockingham.  
St.—Strafford.  
Su.—Sullivan.  
B.—Belknap.  
D. & M.—Derry & Manchester.  
Hy.—Harmony.  
Hs.—Hollis.  
Hn.—Hopkinton.

L.—Lancaster.  
M.—Monadnock.  
O.—Orange.  
P.—Piscataqua.  
Sk.—Suncook.  
U.—Union.  
W. R.—White River.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Abbott, Amos,	Nashua,	W. C.	H.	
Abbott, E. E. P.,	Meriden,	W. C.	Su.	Su.
Adams, D. E.,	Wilton,	P.	H.	Hs.
Adams, John,	Hillsboro' Centre,	A. P.	H.	
Aldrich, J. K.,	Rye,	A. P.	R.	
Alvord, Frederick,	Nashua,	P.	H.	Hs.
Austin, Lewis A.,	Meriden,	Pr.	Su.	
Ayer, Franklin D.,	Concord,	P.	M.	Hn.
Bacon, Wm. F.,	Laconia,	A. P.	St.	B.
Bard, Geo. I.,	Meredith,	P.	St.	B.
Barker, Nathaniel,	Wakefield,	W. C.	St.	Hy.
Bartlett, Fred H.,	Bristol,	L.	G.	
Bartlett, Joseph,	So. Newmarket,	A. P.	R.	P.
Bell, G. S.,	N. Wolfeborough,	A. P.	St.	
Benson, Almon,	Centre Harbor,	W. C.	St.	B.
Berry, Augustus,	Pelham,	P.	H.	D. & M.
Bessom, Wm. H.,	New Boston,	W. C.	H.	
Bigelow, Asahel,	Hancock,	P.	H.	U.
Black, James S.,	Nashua,	P.	H.	Hs.
Blake, Jeremiah M. D.,	Gilmanton I. W.,	W. C.	St.	Sk.
Blake, Joseph,	Gilmanton,	P.	St.	B.
Blake, S. L.,	Concord,	P.	M.	Hn.
Blakely, Quincy,	Campton,	P.	G.	B.
Bouton, N.,	Concord,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Bowker, Samuel,	Salem,	A. P.	R.	
Bragdon, John,	Hillsboro' Bridge,	A. P.	H.	
Brigham, Levi,	Troy,	P.	C.	M.
Bullard, E. W.,	Hampstead,	P.	R.	D. & M.
Burnham, Abraham,	East Concord,	A. P.	M.	Hn.
Butler, E. P.,	Lyme,	A. P.	G.	
Buxton, Edward,	Webster,	P.	M.	Hn.
Byington, Swift,	Exeter,	P.	R.	P.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Carr, Wm. O.,	Barnstead Parade,	A. P.	St.	Sk.
Carter, Nathan F.	Orfordville,	A. P.	G.	O.
Case, Rufus,	Jaffrey,	P.	C.	M.
Catlin, R. B.,	Washington, D. C.,	W. C.		
Chandler, F. D.,	Hampton,	A. P.	R.	
Chapin, Geo. F.,	Alstead,	A. P.	C.	
Chapman, Jacob,	Kingston,	P.	R.	P.
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SEVENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT LACONIA,

SEPTEMBER 29, 1873.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one-third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one-third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one-third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the Executive Committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, steadily laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its Treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the Constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

## RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 53, 1843.

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Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?

2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?\*

3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?

4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?

5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?

6. What is the least amount of aid needed?

7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?

8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?

9. Do you receive aid from any other source? If so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the

\*The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States, and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches in New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the Treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of its ratable property, that is \$12.50 on \$1,000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-2 per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the Executive Committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent. to one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.



## RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

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Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required: namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also, families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation.
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismissal, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contribution to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

*[In replying to these inquiries you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.]*

## NOTICES.

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All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, N. H.

*The Home Missionary*, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society ; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury ; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of \$10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Applications may be made to the Treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of *The Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the Treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June.

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### FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of        dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

*Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.*

## ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Seventy-second annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held at Laconia, September 18, 1873. The President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Young, D. D.

The Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens, read his annual report, which, having been audited, was adopted.

Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, D. D., when Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees. Addresses were also made by Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Geo. B. Spaulding and others.

Rev. Mr. Ketchum submitted resolutions adopted by the Grafton County Conference, respecting the employment of Lay Preachers. Rev. S. L. Blake, also submitted resolutions. Both were laid on the table ; as was the report of the Nominating Committee, for action at an adjourned meeting, which it was voted to hold in Concord, at the vestry of the South Church, Thursday, Oct. 23, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

## BUSINESS MEETING.

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At the adjourned meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society in the vestry of the South Congregational church, Concord, Oct. 24, 1873, the following resolutions were passed :

In view of the spiritual destitution which increases so rapidly in many parts of this State, and in view the work which yearly augments upon the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and in view of the increased funds which are necessary to prosecute the missionary work with the increasing vigor which the growing destitution demands ; therefore,

*Resolved*, (1.) That the trustees be encouraged to use still greater effort to bring the increasing wants of this Society to

the notice of every church, Congregational or Presbyterian, in New-Hampshire, and to impress upon them the vital importance not only of contributing to the funds of the Society, but of increasing their contributions.

*Resolved*, (2.) That we recommend that all money contributed for the cause of Home Missions be paid into the Treasury of the State society for its special use, that the wants of our own destitutions be met first, and that surplus money be paid to the American Home Missionary Society.

*Resolved*, (3.) That the salary of every missionary stationed as pastor of a church or laboring statedly with it which complies with the rules of the society, relative to giving aid, be at least equal to \$800, and that the trustees be instructed to appropriate such a sum of money as, in their judgment, is absolutely necessary to secure such a salary in each case. Nothing in this resolution proposes to diminish the salary of those having more than \$800, when in the opinion of the trustees that larger salary should be continued. This resolution takes effect from January 1, 1874.

*Resolved*, (4.) That the policy of this society be to secure a permanent pastoral relation, and that all stated supplies be encouraged and urged to enter the pastoral office at once.

*Resolved*, (5.) That two contiguous churches be placed under the charge of one man in all practicable cases, and that all aid be withheld from any church which refuses to enter into such an arrangement.

*Resolved*, (6.) That nothing in these resolutions be construed as advising the diminution of the society's itineracy work, and that the compensation paid those laboring only part of the year be as heretofore.

These were all passed unanimously.

Rev. S. L. Blake gave notice of amendments to the constitution, viz: to amend article Third, by inserting after the word "society" and before the word "a president", the clause "resident in the State," and before the word "Vice-President" the word "three," also to amend article Nine, by inserting "after his annual subscription," the clause, "or who shall have removed from the State."

Resolution presented by Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill :

*Resolved*, That it shall hereafter be the settled policy of this society to encourage and aid all its beneficiary churches to sustain public worship on the Sabbath without any intermission, and to employ to this end the best available agency, whether clerical or lay.

On motion of Rev. H. A. Hazen, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted :

That a committee of three be appointed, by the Chair, to report at the next annual meeting upon the subject of the relations of this Missionary Society and the General Association, and whether any modification of them can be made to bring the society into more direct and effective relations with the churches.

J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, Hon. J. E. Sargent, of Concord, and Rev. Levi Rodgers, of Claremont, were appointed.

The following officers, nominated by a committee appointed for the purpose, were chosen for the ensuing year :

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President*.

Hon. J. E. SARGENT, Concord, *Vice-President*.

Rev. E. H. GREELEY, Haverhill, *Secretary*.\*

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord, *Treasurer*.

Hon. JOHN KIMBALL, and WM. W. STORRS, Esq., Concord, *Auditors*.

*Trustees elected in 1873.*

Rev. WM. J. TUCKER, Manchester,

Rev. GEO. B. SPAULDING, Dover,

Hon. JOHN W. NOYES, Chester.

*Trustees elected in 1872.*

Hon. MILAN HARRIS, Harrisville,

Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville,

Rev. HENRY A. HAZEN, Pittsfield.

*Trustees elected in 1871.*

Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord,

Rev. QUINCY BLAKELY, Campton,

Dea. ALMON HARRIS, Fisherville.

\*Rev. Mr. Clark, D. D., was requested to continue his duties as Secretary until the decision of Mr. Greeley whether to accept the appointment.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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At a meeting of the Trustees, held at Concord, Oct. 23, 1873, the following members of the Board of Trustees were appointed Executive Committee for the year ensuing : namely,

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord,  
 Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord,  
 Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville,  
 Rev. GEO. B. SPAULDING, Dover,  
 Rev. E. H. GREELEY, Haverhill.

The committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, in view of the retirement of Dr. Clark, from the Secretaryship, reported as follows :

*Whereas*, Rev. William Clark, D. D., now retires from the position of Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, which he has filled so long, with such rare devotion and ability ;

*Resolved*, (1.) That we tender him our best esteem and most heart-felt thanks for all the labor he has personally performed, and that we assure him of our appreciation of his services, in rendering which he has not spared himself, and has left his own impress on all the missionary churches of the State.

*Resolved*, (2.) That he has still our undiminished confidence as a man of Christian integrity and of rare ability.

*Resolved*, (3.) That he has put the churches of this State under a lasting debt of gratitude to him.

*Resolved*, (4.) That while we part with him as Secretary with regret, we accept with thankfulness, his assurance of unabated interest in the Society, and his pledge of continued active co-operation in promoting its future plans and usefulness.

## SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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In presenting the seventy-second annual Report, the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society congratulate its members and patrons on another year of usual prosperity. No death has occurred among its officers or missionaries. The trustees have held the meetings required by the Constitution, annual and semi-annual, and the Executive Committee have met whenever the interests of the Society needed their attention and action. More missionaries have been commissioned and more fields occupied than during the preceding year. The latter have labored faithfully through the terms of their commissions, steadily preaching the word on the Sabbath; administering the sacraments; maintaining regular prayer-meetings; sustaining Sabbath Schools; promoting the circulation of religious publications, and, generally, contributions to charitable, christian enterprises, and doing all the appropriate work of the Christian missionary. Though they report but few marked revivals, their statements in regard to attendance on public worship, the prayer-meeting, the Sabbath School, and to the interest of the attendants in the word of God, their relations to Him and the future world, are encouraging. The good our missionaries are doing to the social, educational, moral, religious welfare of the communities they serve, cannot be estimated. Silently, faithfully, uncomplainingly, yet, often amid severe trials and seld-denials, performing their duties in obscurity, unobserved by the busy, pleasure-seeking world, from love to Christ and to souls, they have strong claims on our sympathies, our high regard, our benefactions, our prayers.

### SUMMARY.

Number of churches and missionary districts aided the past year, 43; missionaries employed, 47; of whom 22 were in the service the entire year; 25 from one to eight months; time of labor of the whole,  $31\frac{3}{4}$  years; six years more than in the year previous. Amount of appropriations, \$6,090.

Average attendance in 29 congregations reported, 2,645 ; average to each,  $71\frac{1}{2}$ .

Hopeful conversions in nine churches, 42.

In 27 churches reported, male members, 329 ; female, 830 ; total, 1,159 ; average to each, 43.

Additions to 11 churches, 63 ; by profession, 53 ; by letter, 10.

Removals from 14 churches, by death, 20 ; by dismissions, 23 ; total, 43 ; net gain, 20.

Baptisms in 12 churches, 45 ; of which infant, 16 ; adult, 29.

Scholars in 30 Sabbath Schools, 2,399 ; average in each,  $79\frac{2}{3}$ .

Contributions in 22 churches, to Home Missions, \$340.42 ; to all other christian objects, \$860.17 ; total, \$1,200.59.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account,	\$2,700.22
Receipts within the year,	\$8,719.36
Of which for American Home Missionary Society,	1,068.11
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Leaving for New-Hampshire Missionary Society,	\$7,651.25
Of this sum were in legacies,	\$1,592.62
Income from permanent fund,	150.36
Receipts from miscellaneous sources,	74.47
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	\$1,817.45
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Leaving from donations to New-Hampshire Missionary Society,	\$5,833.80
Deduct donations from Cent Societies, including interest from Memorial Fund,	\$2,433.37
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There remain donations from churches and congregations to N. H. M. Society,	\$3,400.43
Sent directy from churches and individuals to the American Home Missionary Society, not passing through our Treasury :	
In legacies,	\$2,238.88
In donations,	794.99
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	\$3,033.87
Whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions in 1873, which is \$136.92 less than in 1872.	\$11,825.23
Resources of the N. H. M. Society for the year now reported,	\$11,419.58

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole amount of disbursements during the year	\$7,649.77
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	\$3,769.81
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	\$11,419.58

## NEW-HAMPSHIRE CENT INSTITUTION.

Receipts from Female Cent Societies during the year ending Aug. 15, were, including \$345.48 interest on Memorial Fund, \$2,433.37.

### THE MEMORIAL FUND.

Present amount of this Fund, created by ten dollar membership,—of which there are 670—six thousand seven hundred dollars, (\$6,700) is well and safely invested under the direction of the Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

### EXPENDITURE OF MISSIONARY FUNDS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Some of the friends and patrons of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, express the opinion, that more of the funds raised in the State for Home Missions, should be expended in the State. In order to a wise judgment on this point, some facts should be considered :—

1. Several of our churches, that ask for no aid from our Missionary Society, pay their preachers smaller salaries than the average of the salaries our missionaries receive. Some of the former pay their pastors, or stated supplies, \$350, \$400, 500, or \$600; some, with the use of parsonage; others, like sums without such use; while none of the latter—the mission churches—pay their ministers, including missionary aid, less than \$450; some \$500, \$600, 700, \$800, \$900, and \$1,000; some with, and some without, the use of parsonage. These salaries of pastors of unaided churches are too small; but how, with good face, can these churches be asked to contribute to make the salaries of our missionaries greater than those they give their own pastors? They, not unfrequently, object to making offerings to our Missionary Society on this ground. Here is seen a serious objection to raising the average of mission salaries above the average salaries of numerous ministers of churches that solicit no missionary aid. Such a course would be highly prejudicial to home missionary interest in our State,

2. We have churches too feeble to sustain a regular, constant ministry, without an unjustifiable outlay of missionary funds. Were such to have such ministry, nearly all its support would necessarily come from our missionary Treasury. But the communities in which such feeble churches are located, are too small to warrent such expenditure. The best that can be done for such churches, and the limited people around them, is, to secure them missionary service from three to four months in the year, by members of our Theological Seminaries.

3. Several of our churches, small in numbers and in means, unite with evangelical churches of other denominations in support of the institutions of the gospel in their common communities. This is right. Unwise, wrong every way, would it be to make a large outlay of sacred, missionary charities to sustain a Congregational minister in places where the few remaining members of a church of our order can have the means of grace in connexion with other branches of the church of Christ.

4. There is now little, if any, territory in our State unoccupied by other christian denominations, in which new Congregational churches could be organized, or are called for. Nearly all our towns and districts have chosen the form of doctrine and church order most agreeable to them, so far as they can be induced to choose any; and, where our faith and polity are not thus preferred, it would be very difficult to introduce them, were it desirable.

5. For the reasons above stated, would it be wise to adopt the principle, that *all* the offerings for Home Missions by the churches and the friends of the cause in New-Hampshire, should be expended in the State, when our little State is less than one four hundredth part of our National territory, the far greater part of which is, to-day, missionary ground, and where the institutions of the gospel of Christ can, at first, be established only in a home missionary way? Shall the Congregational churches of New-Hampshire look only to their denominational interests in New-Hampshire, when God, in his providence, is so loudly calling on his churches of every name to evangelize our whole vast, national domain? This would be unworthy of our history as a branch of the church of the Lord



Jesus Christ. Let us make much larger contributions to the great cause of Home Missions than we are now making ; appropriate what is wise and prudent to this cause in our own little State, and make generous offerings, through the American Home Missionary Society, for the planting and support of churches of our faith and order from the Atlantic to the Pacific ; from the northern Lakes to the great southern Gulf.

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#### TABULAR VIEW.

1. A list of churches and missionary stations.
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## DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—Rev. Charles Packard, after a faithful, successful ministry here of several years, much to the regret of his people, left in January to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Windham. The church, now destitute of a minister, but earnestly seeking one, maintains regular public worship on the Sabbath; keeps alive its Sabbath school and weekly prayer-meetings. Would that all our destitute, feeble churches, would do the same. Such course would secure the smiles of the Master.

2. *Alton.*—This church, as in years past, is still supplied by students from the Seminary, Andover. It cannot hope to have a pastor till it shall have obtained a parsonage, to secure which it is making strenuous efforts.

3. *Berlin.*—Last year, at this time, Mr. George Michael, of Yale Theological Seminary, was supplying this place, as, also, at Milan, an adjoining town. Now Mr. A. J. Benedict, from the same Institution, is laboring in those towns, for four months from May 25. No Congregational church exists there yet, but it is hoped one may be organized ere long. The services of both the above named gentlemen were, and are, very acceptable to the two communities in which they are performed in alternate weeks.

4. *Brentwood.*—Our Missionary labors here in faith and patience, under discouraging circumstances. "The state of religion in the church is very low; former differences, though now quiescent, have left a degree of coldness in some members. There are but three or four to take part in prayer-meetings. We all, ministers and people, greatly need a refreshing from on high."

5. *Brookline.*—The pastor writes: "I cannot report any special progress in spiritual matters although the interest is sufficient to give us good congregations on the Sabbath, and fair attendance at prayer-meetings. We hope for better things."

6. *Centre Harbor*.—Mr. J. F. Tobey, our missionary here in 1872, left, at the termination of his commission, and went West, under commission of the American Home Missionary Society. For some months no regular preaching here. Now Mr. Jotham Sewall, great-grandson of "Father Sewall," is on the ground, engaged to supply for a year. An important field this, and should be constantly occupied.

7. *Charlestown*.—No essential change here, from former years. Indeed, the church has gained little or no increased strength since its formation in 1835, when it consisted of 23 members; seven males and 16 females. Present number, 27; five males, 22 females; two absentees. Great faith in the missionary and the church is needed to sustain them in a community so hostile to evangelical truth.

8. *Chatham*.—Rev. E. B. Pike, having labored here many years, with energetic fidelity, securing the organization of a church and the erection of a church edifice free of debt, left, at the close of his commission, for ministerial work in Boothbay, Me. This church is very feeble; has claims on the sympathies and prayers of her stronger sister churches.

9. *Conway*.—Our missionary here left early in the year now reported and went to Wilton, Me. For some months the church was supplied by Mr. F. D. Kelsey, student at Andover. It has now engaged Rev. S. G. Norcross, from Vermont, for a year, whom it intends to support without missionary aid. It should do so as the place is increasing in wealth by the great concentration here of pleasure-seeking residents.

10. *Dalton*.—Rev. J. T. Otis performed six months' service here from July 1, 1872. Since then, it is believed, the church has not had regular preaching, though it has made, in connection with the Secretary, earnest efforts to obtain a stated supply. For the convenience and comfort of such, principally through efforts of the ladies, a desirable parsonage has been procured, which it is to be hoped, will soon be occupied by a good minister.

11. *Deering*.—Rev. Mr. Holman has labored here ten years with much fidelity under great discouragements. The church is small, surrounded by strong opposing elements. In a popu-



lation of 700, only some 60 attend public worship. Great self-denial and strong faith in God are indispensable to his success who ministers here.

12. *Dover, Belknap Church*.—Our missionary writes: "The Belknap church has suffered, during the past year, the loss of two of its most active members, who were foremost in charitable enterprise. The church pursues its way far from being discouraged, and hopes for prosperity from God. It has a membership of 55; of whom 17 are males.

13. *Enfield*.—Rev. Mr. Hartshorn has, for ten years, performed very faithful, acceptable and useful service in this field. Thus far he has preached in a hall. Now the church and society are exerting themselves to erect a church edifice, with prospect of success with help from abroad. Such edifice is greatly needed. Our more favored churches may be assured their benefactions to this end will be wisely made and most gratefully received.

14. *Epsom*.—Mr. F. H. Wales, graduate of Dartmouth College, in 1872, served here in missionary work six months. Was earnest, faithful, acceptable. Did much to improve the children and youth in sacred music, and visiting over the parish for religious purposes. It is believed the church has, at this present time, a stated supply, for the support of whom missionary aid will be needed.

15. *Goff's Falls*.—This is a new missionary field, within the chartered limits of the city of Manchester, a manufacturing village. No organized church, or church building in the place. Public worship held in a school-house.

16. *Gorham*.—Encouraging progress here, both externally and in steadfast religious interest. Repairs on church edifice within the year at an expense of \$250. Addition to Sabbath school library to the value of \$65. Gradual increase of regular attendance on public worship. A young man has recently united with the church who is now studying for the Christian ministry. This church, in connection with the labors of its devoted pastor, within the eleven years of its existence, has been instrumental of great good, every way, to the people of this important railway station.

17. *Groton*.—This feeble church is now enjoying the very acceptable services of Mr. David F. Stewart, of Union Seminary. He is to remain four months from May 13. Last year the Congregational church united with the Methodists in sustaining a preacher of that order. It is too feeble to have constant preaching of its own faith.

18. *Goshen*.—Rev. J. Bragdon, having labored here faithfully and successfully three years, during which he secured the thorough repair of the church edifice, did much to promote temperance and morality among the youth, and was instrumental of promoting the spiritual interests of the church and the hopeful conversion of numbers, left at the termination of his commission in May, and has become stated supply at Hillsborough Bridge. His ministry was very useful in Goshen, not only to the Congregational church, but to the inhabitants of the town generally, the Baptist church and society uniting with the former in his support and in the enjoyment of his labors. Our church now unites with the Baptists in sustaining in common a preacher of that order.

19. *Kensington*.—Our faithful missionary here has been greatly afflicted, the past year, by the death of his excellent wife, after a long, painful sickness. Watching over her day and night undermined his strength and induced a disease so threatening to his own life that it was necessary for him to be taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Through the blessing of God, he found relief and has so far recovered as to return to his home and people. His sickness and bereavement awaken the practical sympathy of his people and of his ministerial brethren and Christian friends in and out of the State. He has a son just entered on the work of the ministry after a full course of preparation.

20. *Kingston*.—Rev. Mr. Chapman, having the high respect and confidence, not only of his own church and people but of the community of the town and vicinity, labors in faith and patience, with both encouragements and discouragements. His is a hard, but important field which he is earnestly, prayerfully cultivating.

21. *Lee*.—Much encouragement here. A parsonage has been

built, nearly free from debt. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Lees, who preaches a portion of the Sabbaths in Madbury, formerly a skilled mechanic, has done work on it with his own hands. An enlargement of their house of worship is necessary to accommodate the increasing audience, now scarcely finding room.

22. *Lempster*.—Great effort is making to repair the church edifice; a movement much needed. Good additions made to the Sabbath school library. This church, which was self-supporting for nearly one hundred years, has become very weak by deaths and removals. Two principal supporters left the town the past year.

23. *Madbury*.—This, a missionary district, occupied by the pastor at Lee, an adjoining town. No Congregational church in the place.

24. *Mason*.—Rev. Mr. Goodwin closed his labors here with the expiration of his commission, May 1st. The church is looking for a successor.

25. *Milan*.—See Berlin.

26. *Milton Mills*.—Great success has attended the labors of Mr. Scott with the church and people here, who highly appreciate his wisely directed services. The church, organized in 1871, has enjoyed an almost uninterrupted revival to the present. It now consists of 41 members; 25 of whom were admitted within the year now reported. Baptisms 16; of which seven were infant. Contributions to Christian object, \$56.38. A young man, recently converted, declares his purpose to study for the ministry.

27. *Merrimack, South*.—Mr. W. B. Danforth was our missionary here at our last anniversary. Mr. J. Crumrine, of the Seminary, Andover, served here during his spring vacation. Present supply, ——— Herbert, a Baptist minister. The Congregational church is very weak; but two male members remaining.

28. *Munroe*.—This is a part of the former town of Lyman, situated on the Connecticut river, opposite Ryegate, Vermont, on the west. There was once a Congregational church here; none now, though several members of that at McIndoe's Falls, (a village in Ryegate) reside in Munroe. Rev. J. L. Litch, the pastor there, preaches here every other Sabbath afternoon.

A goodly number of the villagers in Munroe attend public worship over the river, when they have none on their side of it. In time, it is hoped, a Congregational church may be revived here.

29. *Nelson*.—This church, formed in 1781, was self-sustaining till within a year or two. Causes operating in many of our churches—deaths and removals—had so reduced the strength of this, that it could not longer support the institutions of the gospel without foreign aid. Rev. Mr. Gould came here in the latter part of 1872. Since January 1, 1873, he has been in commission from our Missionary Society, and is laboring, on the whole, with encouragement, though he regrets the removal from the town, recently, of two prominent members of the society.

30. *New Market, South*.—This church is deriving much benefit from the recent repairs and enlargement of its meeting-house, including a convenient vestry. But it suffers from numerical and pecuniary weakness, having, in all, but 11 members, of whom only two are males. New Market, South, is an important town, having a large Iron Foundry, employing hundreds of operatives. Our church should be sustained here.

31. *Newington*.—The Congregational church here is the only one in town. In it there is but one school district, which has just built a new school-house at the expense of \$5,000. A town hall connected with it. The Sabbath school has received a donation of 50 books from the Congregational Publishing Society. The pastor writes: "No special religious interest with us. The prospect of the future of the church does not appear bright; but all is in the hands of our kind, Heavenly Father, and to Him we commit the interests of his cause and people."

32. *Ossipee Centre*.—No stated preaching here, since our missionary, Mr. C. C. Hood, left on September last. The church arranging to build a parsonage, have felt their resources should be reserved for that purpose. When that shall have been accomplished, they hope again to enjoy the constant means of grace.

33. *Plainfield*.—Mr. E. S. Busser, our missionary a year ago, left at the close of his commission. The church raised funds, with expected aid from our Missionary Society, to sustain

preaching six months of the current year. The Secretary has made earnest effort to secure a preacher, but not succeeded. The church has secured the labors, for the summer and autumn, of the teacher of Meriden Academy.

34. *Roxbury*.—Mr. George L. Nims served here six months in 1872. Mr. Lyman F. Rand is the present incumbent. The church is very feeble, five males and ten females; three of each non-residents. The town has but 130 inhabitants, 50 of whom are generally attendants on public worship; 40 in Sabbath school, a larger proportion than in most of our towns.

35. *Salisbury*.—This church, formed more than one hundred years ago, in 1772, managed, often amid great difficulties, to sustain the gospel unaided from abroad till the commencement of the present year. But death and emigrations have so weakened it that it has asked to receive from our Missionary Society \$100 to enable them to give their pastor a salary of \$500, in addition to the use of the parsonage. The religious society numbers but six members; all members of the church. Average congregation, 50; Sabbath school, 52.

36. *Sandown*.—Peculiar interest attaches to this church. A Congregational church embracing 57 members was formed in 1759, and had pastors most of the time to 1800. Since then it has declined almost to extinction. But, by means of a small ministerial fund, it has had a few Sabbath's preaching in most years till 1872, when a Council was called to reorganize it. Finding one female member, far advanced in life, still alive, the Council decided the church yet existed in her; so, instead of reorganizing, some half dozen persons were examined for admission to it, and were ultimately received, through a Committee of the Council. For some two years past it has had preaching every other Sabbath by students from the Seminary, Andover. There is a small Methodist church in the town containing some 500 inhabitants; but for years this church has had little preaching of its own order and has united in public worship with the Congregationalists in the Methodist church edifice.

37. *Sandwich*.—Not much change here from last year. Our missionary, Rev. C. L. Tappan, labors in faith and with fidelity, amid many discouragements. Taxable property of the Society about



\$10,500, of which \$9,714 belongs to the members of the church. Average congregation about 80. Members of the church, 28, of whom but seven are males; of the Sabbath school, 60.

38. *Seabrook, South*.—Our missionary here, Mr. William A. Rand, has passed most of the year in study in the Seminary, Andover; still taking the oversight of this church and preaching on the Sabbath, and superintending the Sabbath school.

39. *Wakefield*.—Some progress here. Parsonage repaired. Sabbath school library increased. A legacy of \$500 recently left to the church. Average congregation, 60; Sabbath school, 35.

40. *Washington*.—The missionary writes: "We have enjoyed some religious interest the past year. Nine have been hopefully converted. We are repairing our meeting-house at an expense of some \$350; helped to nearly one-half the sum by friends out of town; some of them former residents." Members of the church, 19; of whom but three are males. Congregation, 65; Sabbath school, 30.

41. *Wilmot*.—Condition of things in this church much as in former years. Average congregation, 75; Sabbath school, 66. Members in the church, 50; of whom 19 are males. Mr. Tracy writes: "We labor in hope, sow in tears and look to the time when we shall reap in joy. This is a hard field to work in, but it must not be given up. There are indications for good, and we trust a brighter day is coming for this people."

42. *Wentworth*.—Reports our missionary: "We have experienced no marked change in material or spiritual status. Our people still maintain the institutions of the gospel at the same rate as heretofore, though considerably reduced in their active members. Four members of the church have been removed the past year by death, and two by dismissal. We have recently adopted the "one service" system, to last through the hot weather. Our Sabbath school seems to increase in interest."

43. *Wolfeborough, North*.—Mr. George S. Bell, of Princeton Seminary commenced services here May 1, for four months, under favorable auspices; the labors of Mr. B. C. Henry, of the same Institution, performed in the place for two summers

previously, having prepared the way for his success. This church has not only been kept alive under God by these labors of Seminary students, but greatly strengthened, goodly numbers having been added to it.

### STATE OF MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

It will be seen from the foregoing "details and results" that our mission churches have experienced no essential change from past years; that their external and spiritual condition is much the same as described in former annual Reports. With one or two exceptions, no revivals are reported. One of very encouraging character has blessed the recently organized church at Milton Mills, as the fruits of which, twenty-three have been added to it by profession within the year. Under date of June 25, the pastor writes: "There is no abatement in religious interest. One young man, a subject of the revival, has declared his purpose to study for the ministry." The good work commenced in Nelson in 1872 continues, in some degree. Sixteen have been added to the church by profession within the year. The young people maintain a weekly prayer-meeting. Those of Sabbath evening are well sustained. In some communities, earnest efforts are made in behalf of temperance; also to increase the attendance on Sabbath schools and the circulation of religious publications. It is cause for devout gratitude to the Master, that the gospel has been faithfully preached, through the year, to some 25 churches and congregations, and for months, to nearly as many more. The amount of good thus affected, in various ways, we cannot estimate, but is known to Christ, whose love to his church is infinite.

### CONGREGATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

The Oberlin Council of Congregational churches in the United States, convened at Oberlin, Ohio, in November, 1871, adopted as Institutions through which they would act for the promotion of the kingdom of the Redeemer throughout our land and the world, seven, long-established societies of Congregational origin, viz: the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; the American Home Missionary Society; the Ameri-

can Education Society ; the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education ; the American Missionary Association, the American Congregational Union and the Congregational Publishing Society, all of which have their head-quarters or branches in the *Congregational House*, Boston. These Societies are all co-operative, all cordially sympathizing with each other ; all having the entire confidence of each, and each of the whole, all, through different lines of action, aiming at the same result, the glory of God in the evangelization of our great country and of the world.

These seven co-operative Congregational Societies, in May and June last, held ten conventions at as many central points in our State, all represented by one or more of their officers or delegates. Your Secretary attended them all. Attendance on some of the conventions was not large ; others were well attended ; all were of high character, awakening a deep interest in all the several objects advocated. All present seemed to see and to feel, that a new era had opened in the Congregational churches in our land ; that the benevolent objects demanding their thought, confidence and pecuniary support, were of very grave import and should stimulate to fervent prayer, earnest, untiring effort, and greatly enlarged benefactions. Much good must result from these conventions ; much greater would have resulted, had they been more generally attended by pastors and churches.

#### SECRETARYSHIP AND GENERAL AGENCY.

The continued want of a Congregational Newspaper as a medium of communication with the pastors, churches and patrons of our benevolent, christian enterprises, operates as a serious hindrance to keeping them advised of the condition of our feeble churches and religious destitution, and of the efforts of the trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to sustain and render effective Home Missions in the State. They are shut up, as means to these ends, to their Annual Report, read, probably, only by a small number of our church members ; to occasional printed circulars, to the written correspondence, preaching, and addresses of their Secretary to County confer-

ences and ministerial associations. He has earnestly endeavored in all these ways to keep the cause as prominently as possible before the Congregational part of our community. He has visited most of our feeble churches within the year. With the exception of two or three Sabbaths, at seasons when traveling was almost impossible, he has, through the year, addressed churches on the Sabbath in most parts of the State on the Home Missionary work; attended meetings of County conferences and clerical associations, of the ten conventions of Congregational co-operative societies, holden in central towns over the State, and maintained a constant correspondence through the post-office with pastors, churches and prominent friends of the cause. While he has endeavored faithfully to do his duty in the important office he holds, he deeply regrets he has accomplished no more in furthering an enterprise involving the highest interests of our State and Nation, of the kingdom of the Redeemer, the salvation of souls.

#### SEMINARY STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

Early in the last autumn, and during the winter, the Secretary received numerous applications from members of Theological Seminaries, in and out of New England, for missionary employment, during their vacations of three and four months, among our destitute, feeble churches in New-Hampshire. On receipt of these applications, he wrote to all such churches, in the State, except a few that have merely a nominal existence, inquiring whether they would receive the services of such missionaries, boarding them and paying one-half the pecuniary expense; the whole \$8 per week. Five accepted the proposal, also two towns in which are no Congregational churches. These are :

*Roxbury*, where Mr. Lyman F. Rand, of Princeton Seminary is now laboring.

*North Wolfborough*, enjoying the services of Mr. George S. Bell, of the same Seminary.

*Groton*, that of Mr. David F. Stewart, Union Seminary, New York.

*Alton*, that of Mr. J. William Daniels, of Bates College, Maine.

*Berlin and Milan*, Coos County, the labors of Mr. A. J. Benedict, of Yale Divinity School.

*Plainfield* solicited such missionary service. Earnest effort was made to secure it for that church, but, for reasons which need not be stated, without success. It is gratifying to know, however, that church is now enjoying the preaching services on the Sabbath by teachers in Meriden Academy.

Some of the churches to which temporary supplies were offered, replied that for the year the ground would be occupied by other evangelical denominations, and it would be inexpedient for our Missionary Society to commission laborers to them. Other churches have made no response to the inquiry; but, in several instances, the Secretary has visited such churches, rather the communities in which they are nominally located, to see if anything could be done to introduce missionaries to them with prospect of usefulness. Insurmountable difficulties were thought to be in the way; so missionaries have not been commissioned to such places.

### RECOMMENDATION.

The New-Hampshire Missionary Society, at its annual meeting in Bristol, in August, 1872, passed the following vote: viz.

*“Voted*, That we recommend to the trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, to adopt, as far as practicable, the plan of enlisting the aid of the stronger churches in behalf of specific, feeble churches, and that when it is impossible for the time to procure the permanent services of ministers to labor in the feeble churches, systematic effort be made to supply them. The following outline of a plan is suggested:

1. That the trustees and Secretary be requested to distribute the State into conferences, or adjoining conferences, and secure some pastor to act as Superintendent of the district.

2. That the Superintendent, acting in conjunctions with the Secretary, visit the churches and arrange to supply their pulpits by definitely engaging each local pastor to give one Sabbath, calling in unemployed ministers and teachers in our



Academies, students in our Colleges and Academies, and others, personally endeavoring to enlist them in this work, promising small but certain pay from the New-Hampshire Missionary Society."

Early in the past Missionary year, by order of the trustees, the Secretary issued a printed circular containing the above vote of the Society, together with a copy of the following letter, to each of fourteen pastors of churches in central positions in their respective Conferences and sections of Conferences, requesting them, if practicable, to perform the service indicated in the vote above named.

### COPY.

"REV. \_\_\_\_\_

DEAR BROTHER.—The foregoing recommendations of the Society will explain themselves. You will observe they recognize the necessity of *specific, earnest effort* to furnish preaching and missionary labor to such of our churches as cannot have ministerial supplies. The plan above suggested carried out, would, we believe, result in great good, both to the strong and the feeble, destitute churches, that can have preaching and missionary labor in no other way.

Will you, dear brother, consent to act as Superintendent in the service contemplated in the foregoing recommendations of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for the churches herein after named in \_\_\_\_\_ County Conference."

(Here the several churches within the bounds of the conference, or parts of the conference, the Superintendent was requested to oversee, were specified.)

"If your parochial duties will possibly admit, we hope you will undertake this important service for Christ and his feeble churches in your district. Any further information or explanation needed, in relation to the benevolent work contemplated, will be gladly furnished on request.

In behalf of the trustees of New-Hampshire Missionary Society:

Very truly yours,

WM. CLARK, *Secretary.*"

Not long since the Secretary wrote to the several pastors who had been selected in the foregoing circular to perform the service recommended by the General Association, requesting each to report what, if any, labors of the kind he had been able to do and their results. Most of the pastors, respectfully requested to enlist in the service, have replied. All such show an interest in having our feeble churches steadily supplied with a devoted, earnest ministry. Several have inquired carefully into the condition of the destitute or feeble churches commended to their superintendence. One has passed a Sabbath with each of two of the latter class not destitute, as one is temporarily supplied by a Seminary student, the other uniting with the Methodist church in the place in support of preaching of that order, preaching preparatory lectures on Saturdays, administering the Lord's Supper and preaching thrice on the Sabbath. Another has preached two Sabbaths to a destitute church. Most of the pastors who have accepted the trust as Superintendents, report nearly all the feeble churches in their respective conferences supplied either by preachers of our own order, or uniting with churches of other names in the enjoyment of Christian ordinances. But all seem to be distrustful as to the prospect of most of our present, feeble churches, gaining strength, for various reasons; among others, their depletion by death and emigration, to some two or three members; the decreasing population of these towns, and their opportunity to unite and their actual co-operation with churches of other evangelical names in the enjoyment of the public institutions of the gospel. One brother, a native of the State, for many years a pastor of one of our strong churches, and well acquainted with the status of our feeble churches, who has been requested to act as Superintendent in his conference writes: "I must say, I utterly despair of supplying a large part of these feeble churches with a regularly trained, ordained ministry at present. The men are not to be had, for they are not in existence, and there is little prospect that they will be for a score of years to come, not till long after the question of life or death, for most of these churches, is decided. Some other way must be found to keep these churches alive or they must die. Much meditating

on this subject, I see no other resource but *lay agency*, systematically, energetically, perseveringly, believingly, wisely sought out, directed, employed just as our missionaries in Western Asia and elsewhere are, seeking out the best they have and putting them to preaching Christ. To me, we seem as much shut up to this, in the providence of God, as the Israelites were to the passage of the Red Sea.

I may be mistaken, but it seems to me that this conviction is very rapidly gaining strength in the minds of thoughtful men, throughout the State. I see signs of a fast-growing feeling that no choice is left us, that, in no other way, can the crisis that is upon us be met. If you can point out anything that is practicable for me to do in the present circumstances, I shall be very ready to do it."

These are grave utterances from one of our wisest, most thoughtful pastors, who takes deep interest in the welfare of our feeble churches and in repairing our moral wastes.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHRISTIAN OBJECTS.

Home Missions, as well as all other accepted, important Christian enterprises of the age, need larger and more regular pecuniary support than they are now receiving. This is keenly felt by all called to superintend these causes, and by constantly increasing numbers of pastors and of intelligent, Christian laymen and ladies. The question presses on ecclesiastical bodies and on benevolent, Christian institutions throughout our country, how can the members of our churches, the professed friends of our Redeemer, be raised to a higher plane of Christian giving, to greater regularity in their offerings, to His cause? It is coming to be felt somewhat extensively, what ought ever to have been felt, and acted upon, that giving money for the promotion of this cause is as really and necessarily an act of worship, as prayer, and should be a constituent part of the regular services of the Sanctuary. It is believed we have divine authority for this. In his 1st epistle to the Corinthians, (I Cor. 16: 1, 2) Paul writes: "Now, concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay

by him in store as God hath prospered him." "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." That alms-giving is acceptable worship to God is clear from the divine testimony to Cornelius. "A devout man, that gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always." The angel of God said to him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Here we are told that the alms of Cornelius, as well as his prayers, were a constituent part of his memorial before God. Would his prayers alone, without his alms, have secured him this memorial? Without them would his prayers have been acceptable to God?

At numerous recent meetings of General Associations and conferences, as well as at meetings of more local bodies, of this character, large and earnest discussion was had on the question, "how can the members of our churches, generally, be led to contribute to our accepted, benevolent, Christian enterprises, more regularly and more liberally than they now do?" In some instances committees have been appointed to consider this subject and report ways and means by which the important object may be secured. Numerous churches, in different parts of the country, having adopted weekly or monthly offerings in connection with public worship through what is called the "envelope system," with encouraging success; with greatly augmented collections, it is thought the churches generally may be gradually brought to practice this system. Should it be accepted and adopted by all our churches in New-Hampshire, we should be relieved from stating, in our Annual Reports, that half our churches contribute nothing to Home Missions.

### HOME MISSIONS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The New-Hampshire Missionary Society, formed in 1801, seventy-two years ago, has done a work in the State the extent and importance of which, are but imperfectly understood by most of the present generation. The facts following will show something of this work, viz :

All the Congregational churches on the east side of the State, from Exeter north to Canada line, except the 1st church in Dover, that at Salmon Falls and Tamworth—the latter has

applied for aid—have been, or are now, assisted by this Missionary Society in support of their pastors. The same is true of all our churches in the central part of the State, from Boscawen north, to that line, except Plymouth and Campton, and all in the western part north from Orford, aside from Haverhill.

*Another View:* Of the 32 Congregational churches composing the Strafford Conference, only five have been self-sustaining from the first, viz: Dover, 1st Church, Salmon Falls, Barnstead, 1st Church, Barnstead Parade and Sanbornton.

*Grafton Conference.*—Of the 22 churches belonging to this Conference, 12 are now, or have been, mission churches.

*Coos Conference.*—All the 8 churches of this body have been, or are now, of this character.

*Cheshire Conference.*—Fifteen of the 26 churches of this Conference have had a like history.

*Hillsborough Conference.*—Of the 31 churches of this organization, thirteen are, or have been, mission churches.

*Merrimack Conference.*—This Conference contains 25 churches, 12 of which are of like character.

*Rockingham Conference.*—Of the 33 churches belonging to this body, seventeen have been, or are, aided by mission funds in support of the institutions of the gospel.

*Sullivan Conference.*—Embraces thirteen churches, eight of which are, or have been, mission churches.

Thus it appears that one hundred and twelve of the one hundred and ninety-two existing Congregational and Presbyterian churches of our State have been, or are now, aided by the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, leaving only 80 that have been self-sustaining from their origin. In addition to the 112 churches now, or formerly, on our mission list, eighteen, once on this catalogue, are now extinct, making in all one hundred and thirty churches that have sought and obtained aid from this Society, in support of the institutions of our divine religion.

Who can estimate the value of the service thus rendered to the cause of Christ in our State? We may be helped to an estimate by supposing the Society had never existed. In that event, much of the influence for good of Congregationalism in it would have been wanting. Would our denomination have effect-



ed half the salutary results it has caused to morality, good order, education, refinement, benevolence, religion, salvation of souls? In estimating the good done by our Missionary Society, we are not to look simply, and only, to the pecuniary aid it has rendered, first and last, to the 130 churches in the State in the support of the gospel, but to the reflex influence on the stronger churches, of aiding the weaker. It has awakened their Christian sympathies; elicited their prayers; enlarged their zeal; fostered and expanded their benevolence; promoted their enjoyment; strengthened their character; given them power for good they would not otherwise have had. The history of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society illustrates the inspired saying, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." Were the Society now to suspend its operations and disband, we should have illustration of that other divine utterance, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

#### AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society, formed in May, 1826, 47 years ago, has organized, principally in the interior and Pacific States, 3,750 churches. Its operations extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the northern Lakes to southern Missouri; to Kansas, Tennessee and Virginia. It employed, in 1872-3 951 missionaries, who labored in 30 different States and Territories; supplying 2,145 congregations and missionary districts; performing, in the aggregate, 714 years of ministerial labor. Children and youth gathered in Sabbath schools, about 74,000; conversions reported by 367 missionaries, 2,935; additions to the churches, 5,725; 3,183 on profession of their faith, 2,542 by letter from other churches; 89 churches organized; 34 have risen to self-support. Fifty houses of worship have been completed; the building of thirty-three commenced; 77 young men, members of missionary churches, reported as in different stages of preparation for the ministry. Receipts of the Society, during the year, \$267,691.42; total receipts from the first, \$6,547,150.05. Total years of labor performed, 29,325. Whole number of additions to the churches, 229,585.

Thus a great work has been done; but a vastly greater re-

mains to be done. Most of our vast, national domain is missionary ground, rapidly filling with emigration from nearly all the other nations of the world ; bringing with it not much true piety, but abounding infidelity, irreligion, immorality, vice and crime ; giving ungodly character to the thousands of rising towns and cities all over our immensely extended territory. Unless the institutions of the gospel are planted in all parts of it, at the commencement of settlements, it will be very difficult to do this subsequently ; and unless it shall be done, these communities will become Sodom in character, and must ultimately bring down the wrath of Jehovah on our nation ; for He declares "the nation and kingdom that will not serve his church shall perish ; yea, these nations shall be utterly wasted."

Now the only means of preserving our beloved nation is the fear of Him in the hearts of its present and future millions. How are they to be inspired with this godly fear ? Only through the institutions of the gospel. How are these institutions to be planted and established in our mighty land ? Clearly, only in a missionary way.

Here, then, we may see something of the greatness of the Home Missionary work to be done in our great Country. On it depends, under God, the continuance of our Republic, and of its invaluable, free institutions, civil and religious ; the spiritual and eternal interests of its present and future teeming millions of souls, for whose salvation Jesus Christ died. What motive here to fervant prayer, and earnest, increasing effort to evangelize our entire nation !

For the Trustees :

WM. CLARK, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1872-3.

L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer, in account with*

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	DR.
To balance from last year's account,	\$3,700.22
Donations from churches and individuals,	2,400.43
Donations from the New-Hampshire Cent Institution,	2,433.37
Legacies.	1,592.62
Donations for American Home Missionary Society,	1,068.11
Income from Permanent Fund,	150.36
Receipts from miscellaneous sources.	74.47
	\$11,419.58

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By amount paid feeble churches and missionaries,	\$4,849.08
"    "    American Home Missionary Society,*	1,088.11
"    "    Rev. Dr. William Clark, as salary,	1,000.00
"    "    for his traveling expenses, postage, stationary, &c.,	232.99
"    "    Treasurer, as salary,	150.00
"    "    "    for postage, stationary and Rev. stamps,	31.10
"    "    Treasurers of N. H. Cent Institution, as salary,	30.00
"    "    "    for postage, stationary and expressage,	5.44
"    "    R. W. Musgrove, for printing Report of Cent Society,	120.00
"    "    "    "    "    Annual Reports,	126.50
"    "    "    "    "    packing and distributing Reports,	16.55
Balance carried to next year's account,	3,769.81
	\$11,419.58

\*Of this sum, \$20 was received in 1872 but not paid to the American Home Missionary Society till 1873.

This certifies that we have examined the account of Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society and believe the same to be correct; leaving a balance in his hands of three thousand seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and eighty-one cents.

JOHN KIMBALL, {  
WM. W. STORRS, { *Auditors.*

Concord, N. H., August 25, 1873.

## RECEIPTS.

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<i>Amherst</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	\$67.42
<i>Acworth</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$21; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Rev. Nathan B. Nichols life member, \$15,	36.00
<i>Antrim</i> —Presbyterian Church and Society,	20.00
<i>Auburn</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	3.50
<i>Bennington</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$11.35; for A. H. M. S., \$22,	33.35
<i>Bristol</i> —Miss Harriet Green,	5.00
<i>Brentwood</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.10
<i>Bedford</i> —Mr. Blanchard Nichols,	25.00
<i>Boscawen</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	25.00
<i>Chester</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. Chas. Tenney life member,	30.00
<i>Charlestown</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	32.00
<i>Concord</i> —Legacy of Benjamin Whidden, deceased, in part,	983.12
<i>Concord, West</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$22; from F. J. Emerson in part to constitute Mrs. F. J. Emerson life member, \$10,	32.00
<i>Concord, North</i> —First Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Miss Theda Wellman, Jennie Holt, Mrs. Mark A. Holt, Mrs. Isaac N. Abbott and Mrs. Sylvester Dana, life members, \$155.10; for A. H. M. S., to constitute Charles R. Walker, Helen A. Stewart, Hiram Richardson, Charles T. Huntoon, Charles P. Blanchard and Cyrus M. Murdock, live members \$192.80,	347.90
<i>Concord, South</i> —Mrs. Clara D. Berry, in part to constitute Wilbur F. Pearsons, life member, \$10; South Congregational Church and Society for A. H. M. Society, \$163.92. A friend, for same, \$5.00,	178.92
<i>Canterbury</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	13.00
<i>Candia</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	24.40
<i>Campton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	15.62
<i>Chatham and Stowe, Me.</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	7.00
<i>Dunbarton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	9.00
<i>Dover</i> —Belknap Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
<i>Deerfield</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
<i>Derry</i> —Legacy of Sarah Humphrey,	175.00
<i>Epsom</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
<i>Epping</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	36.45
<i>East Derry</i> —Congregational Church and Society to constitute Orrin G. Baker and John Merriam, life members,	79.01
<i>Enfield</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
<i>Exeter</i> —Dr. Wm. Perry, for A. H. M. Society,	20.00
<i>Francetown</i> —Joseph Kingsbury,	30.00

<i>Franklin</i> —Rev. Wm. T. Savage, to constitute himself life member of A. H. M. S., \$30; Congregational Church and Society, \$60.60,	90.60
<i>Fisherville</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Dea. Joseph Moody life member,	34.60
<i>Groton</i> —Parker Blood, for A. H. M. Society,	20.00
<i>Gorham</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
<i>Gilmanton Centre</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	20.10
<i>Greenland</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	20.43
<i>Gilsum</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	21.25
<i>Goffstown</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. J. D. Allen life member,	34.00
<i>Greenfield</i> —Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	11.50
<i>Hillsborough Bridge</i> —Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	10.00
<i>Hampstead</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	15.20
<i>Hopkinton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
<i>Harrisville</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	25.75
<i>Hollis</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Nathan Willoughby, Miss Ella Greenwood and Edgar Patch life members of A. H. M. Society, \$100. A friend, \$3,	103.00
<i>Henniker</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$40, and for A. H. M. S. \$100,	140.00
<i>Jaffrey</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
<i>Keene</i> —Second Congregational Church and Society,	77.52
<i>Kingston</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
<i>Lyndeborough</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	32.09
<i>Laconia</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute David M. Prescott life director of A. H. M. Society,	50.00
<i>Loudon</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
<i>Littleton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	30.00
<i>Lempster</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
<i>Marlborough</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	14.43
<i>Meriden</i> —Mrs. Catharine Farnum,	1.00
<i>Monroe</i> —Legacy of Mrs. Jane Guild,	485.00
<i>Mont Vernon</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	30.00
<i>Mason</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.50
<i>Milton Mills</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
<i>Merrimack</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$72.45; R. H. Pratt, \$2,	74.45
<i>New Ipswich</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	21.29
<i>New Market</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	17.20
<i>Nashua</i> —Pearl St. Congregational Church and Society, \$57.25; First Congre- gational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S., \$160.75; Olive street Congregational Church and Society, \$2,	220.00
<i>Northwood</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	16.25
<i>North Hampton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	24.50
<i>Nelson</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	6.25
<i>Newington</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	9.08
<i>Newport</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Harriet Putney and Mr. Arthur B. Chase life members,	47.00
<i>Orford</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	16.40
<i>Portsmouth</i> —North Congregational Church and Society to constitute Miss Sophronia Rogers life member, \$165, and to constitute Chas. E. Myers and Reuben Kimball life members of A. H. M. S., \$60,	225.00
<i>Plymouth</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$19.35; James McQuestion to constitute himself life director of A. H. M. S., \$50,	69.35
<i>Peterborough</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute F. F. Tarbell life member of A. H. M. S., \$32.14 and \$20.	\$52.14



<i>Pelham</i> —James Tyler in full, to constitute himself life member of A. H. M. S.,	
\$10; Congregational Church and Society \$22.90,	32.90
<i>Pittsfield</i> —Rev. H. A. Hazen, \$10; Edmund C. Jenkins, \$1,	11.00
<i>Pembroke</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	26.00
<i>Rochester</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	81.50
<i>Rindge</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$8.92; Female Auxillary Home	
Missionary Society, \$27.20,	36.12
<i>Rye</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
<i>Swansey</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	13.73
<i>Salisbury</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5.28
<i>Stratham</i> —Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Miss Fanny A.	
Lane life member,	31.00
<i>Sanbornton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	21.00
<i>Tilton and Northfield</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$6.15; for A. H.	
M. Society, \$5,	11.15
<i>Tilton</i> —Legacy of Mrs. Nancy Hartford,	124.50
<i>West Lebanon</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	14.50
<i>Warner</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	17.00
<i>Wakefield</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
<i>Webster</i> —Congregational Church and Society, \$22.50; Henry L. Dodge in full	
to constitute Mary L. Dodge life member of A. H. M. S., \$15,	37.50
<i>Wentworth</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	6.00
<i>Willon</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
<i>Wolfeborough</i> —Congregational Church and Society.	18.50
<i>Wilmot</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	23.81
<i>Walpole</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	60.00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A Friend of Mission Work in New England States,	\$10.00
Interest on E. W. Woodward's note,	2.50
Rockingham County Conference, of churches,	11.97
Amount received for pulpit services of Dr. Clark,	50.00

# TABLE

*Showing the places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

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YEARS.	PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—	Hopkinton,	\$51.56
1802—	Concord,	386.62
1803—	Concord,	309.46
1804—	Concord,	406.09
1805—	Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—	Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—	Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—	Concord,	1,290.48
1809—	Concord,	735.92
1810—	Concord,	1,288.27
1811—	Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—	Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—	Plymouth,	932.27
1814—	Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—	Keene,	2,807.98
1816—	Concord,	2,633.36
1817—	Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—	Dover,	2,427.10
1819—	Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—	Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—	New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—	Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—	Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—	Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—	Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—	Durham,	1,872.07
1827—	Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—	Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—	Newport,	2,416.71
1830—	Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—	Concord,	2,371.34
1832—	Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—	Keene,	5,067.66
1834—	Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24

1835—Plymouth,	. . . .	7,795.24
1836—Exeter,	. . . .	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	. . . .	5,506.14
1838—New-Ipswich,	. . . .	5,396.81
1839—Lyme,	. . . .	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	. . . .	4,596.83
1841—Francestown,	. . . .	5,187.03
1842—Dover,	. . . .	5,361.11
1843—Nashua,	. . . .	5,730.36
1844—Concord, South Church,	. . . .	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	. . . .	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	. . . .	9,027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	. . . .	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	. . . .	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	. . . .	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	. . . .	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	. . . .	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	. . . .	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	. . . .	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	. . . .	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	. . . .	7,992.34
1856—Exeter, First Church,	. . . .	6,690.47
1857—Keene,	. . . .	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	. . . .	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	. . . .	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	. . . .	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	. . . .	8,148.68
1862—Concord, South,	. . . .	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	. . . .	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	. . . .	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	. . . .	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	. . . .	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	. . . .	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church.	. . . .	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	. . . .	22,932.54
1870—Milford,	. . . .	9,598.92
1871—Rochester,	. . . .	14,600.79
1872—Bristol,	. . . .	11,962.15
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